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THE STORY OF

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D. Thomas Layman

Sanctuary of our new Magnolia Church, Seattle, Wash.

All of a sudden Mr. L. found the answer — to a common but urgent problem.

When Mr. D. Thomas Layman returned home from church he was not feeling too happy. Yes, he liked the morning sermon — as it started out, but he was annoyed at the way it ended.

His minister had chosen a striking text — a passage from Deuteronomy in which the Lord says: "I have set before you a way of life and death." And the text was buttressed by a quote from a newspaper editorial which stated that our world is perishing from a lack of moral greatness.

This was very fine but the minister had "spoiled" the sermon, thought D. Thomas Layman, by bringing in what he called *Our Christian World Mission.* This was missions. Why missions, anyway? What had all those items of mis-

sionary work to do with the vast and seemingly insoluble problems of an insane world? An appeal to the emotions to coax out a few more dollars! Nothing more!

WHY MISSIONS, ANYWAY?

Didn't the preacher realize that taxes and high prices were taking every last cent that an average family could afford? Didn't he know that the nation was being drained dry by this, that or the other program or plan trumped up to involve the people of the United States in emergencies and needs all over the planet? Why not give us a chance to think of ourselves once in a while? About our own church right here at home? For example, the minister's salary was too small for the prestige and size of our church. And the building could stand a few renovations, too.

But Mr. Layman was not altogether satisfied with himself or with his reactions. Strangely, he felt mixed up — a bit guilty, perhaps. That was another fault of that sermon. It left him feeling frustrated. What was it that the minister had said about those kids all over the world — Hell's Orphans — without shelter, food, religion? And what about those unchurched communities here in the United States, about those destroyed churches in the Philippines and China?

THE LAST STRAW

So, Mr. Layman didn't enjoy his Sunday dinner too much — especially after his wife had told him that he needed to be educated. Educated? After all, that was the last straw. Trying to get him "educated" to the kind of thing that church women spent so much of their time doing. It was alright for them, but for a man — that was something else. (By the way, Mr. L., turn to pages 41-48 in this issue to see what an important job the women are really doing.)

But his guilt complex hung on just the same. Curious, that it did, too. So, a few evenings later, Mr. Layman called up his minister, and invited himself over to the parsonage for a talk. There they sat, talking things over, for several hours. And when he left a little before midnight, the minister said: "And don't forget to read over that magazine I gave you. After you've gone through it, I hope you'll give me a ring and tell me what you think about it all."

Nevertheless Mr. Layman was still skeptical when, next evening, he picked up the October, 1948 issue of *The Missionary Herald* which his pastor had given him. He glanced at the cover. "Rather clever," he thought, "for a church publication. Especially that vibrant figure of a free man, holding the living and open word high above his head for all the world to see. *The Truth Shall Make Men Free.* Mighty timely theme," D. Thomas reflected.

Well, here it was — the thing he'd had to listen to last Sunday. However, he'd promised to read it, and D. Thomas Layman always kept his word. And because he didn't believe in doing anything half-way — that was what had made him a success in business — he'd give the magazine his best attention — unless, of course, it proved too trivial or dry.

LET'S LISTEN IN

"Mmmmmmm. Pretty smart layout for church stuff," he said to himself as he thumbed over the first few pages. "Crystal-clear pictographs, obviously planned and done by someone who knew his business. Yes, but what does it say? How much money are they after?"

The most concise way to tell about the rest of Mr. Layman's evening is by the stream of consciousness method. So, let's listen in on D. Thomas, following along as he turns the pages of his magazine, and becomes involved in what he's reading. Ready? We start:

One of the beautiful buildings on the campus of Dillard University in New Orleans, La.

"*The Truth Shall Set Men Free.* Couldn't be anything much more important than that today — in a world that's living in fear and ignorance and want. 'Help.' The cry — desperate and revealing — from a beleaguered and shackled country, and the cry of millions who find themselves harassed and frustrated. *Our Christian World Mission?* It's our united Protestant challenge to all faiths and ideologies, both secular and religious, which regard liberty as a false god. . . . Important and timely stuff, this!

IT STARTS AT HOME

"Freedom begins at home. Right! *Our Christian World Mission* starts on our own doorsteps — here in our own lives, in our own churches and communities. Not bad, that. Why, it's what I've been saying all along about this missionary business. Didn't know they realized it — those people that think up these programs.

"Now, what's this? Population shifts. Unchurched areas. Good stuff for a church outfit. More than 5,000 new Protestant churches needed — at once. Our Congregational Christian share — 205 for these spiritual wastelands. And more Sunday Schools for the children of our country. Now we're talking. Stronger Christian colleges. Mighty important — for freedom and democracy.

"Mmmmmmm. This I'm for, one hundred percent. Didn't know this was missions. Just good common sense, I call it. And I guess we're not so bad off here in Suburbia as I thought. Why, we might even be able to get along another couple years without those renovations we've been talking about. Anyway, I guess none of us is putting so much into the church that we couldn't do both if we wanted to. I'll have to talk this over with the Church Committee Monday.

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD

"Now, what's this? If *Our Christian World Mission* must first start at home in our own churches and communities, it doesn't and can't stop there. 'The field is the world.' The truth that makes men free can't be kept within any borders less wide than the justice and mercy of God. Hadn't thought of it just that way before. Sounds reasonable, though.

"Building and strengthening churches. Churches overseas, as well as at home. Logical. More teachers, social workers, evangelists, doctors — new, young missionaries of spiritual excellence and gentle friendliness to share the Christian good news. What's this? It can't be, but that's what it says. We Congregational Christians have the same number of missionaries on the foreign field today as we had in 1881. Doesn't make sense — a bigger world, more people, greater

urgencies. Why, that doesn't look like progress! At least, it isn't Christian!

"National leadership? What does that mean? Important as missionaries are in our missionary enterprise, its ultimate success depends upon national Christian leaders — keen and consecrated men and women of the area and the race in which the mission operates. Now, that's what I've been thinking all along — grass-roots leadership — didn't know they were trying to do it. Good business.

"The battle for men's minds. Mmmmmmm. This sounds as up-to-date as the morning newspaper. Schools, colleges, and all other educational agencies designed to remake men's minds, to help people stand on their own feet, to equip them to play a Christian role in the world of affairs. Believe in that. Always have. Good Christian education. Why, the future of the world depends on it.

The ultimate success of the missionary enterprise depends upon developing national Christian leaders. *Above*, a group of "nationals" who participated in the *World Mission* Assembly at Columbus in October. Chief Albert J. Luthuli, Congregational layman, now in the United States, standing at left.

In our 1,226 Christian schools and colleges abroad, there are more than 108,000 students, receiving the kind of education our generation requires. *Below*, two of the students at Madras Women's College.

"Emergency Services? Isn't this what the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction has been doing? Now they're going to have one unified program and budget. That's good. The whole program packaged into one. Less confusing — more business-like. Food, medicine, rehabilitation of war-destroyed churches, new youth programs,

Above, all that remained of our Congregational church in Davao, following war's ruin in the Philippines. Your gifts help to rebuild the churches destroyed during the war.

As the people of the world learn to read, it is important that they have Christian literature. *Above,* native Chinese Christians taking packages of Bibles for city distribution.

religious literature for the devastated in body and soul. That's only humanitarian. It's the least we can do.

HOW MUCH?

"Well, that's that. But just a moment. What the program means to me. Let's see. How much for the total job? $6,280,000. Sounds like a lot of money. Just a moment. What's this? The simple fact is that this total program will cost less than two cents per day per church member — just that, if every member of our churches gives. Of course, they won't. But even at that, it doesn't seem much.

"Now — suppose I identify myself with this business and see what we here in Suburbia can do. Might take some time — cost me a bit more money than I've budgeted for the church this year. But anyway, I'll call the minister and tell him I've done my home-work for tonight. Maybe he's gone to bed, but I guess he won't mind if I wake him up. He might sleep better — at least I will."

And that's the story of Mr. D. Thomas Layman, except to add that a few days later he commenced signing his name without the "D" — just to show that he was no longer *Doubting.* And the same thing will happen to each one of us if we do what Mr. Layman did — then read "Mail from Missionaries!"

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It Is Still 1948

Frank J. Scribner

1948 is supposed to end at midnight on December 31. That is what the manufacturers of wall calendars think, and certified public accountants, and the crowds that gather in Times Square. The Congregational Christian churches know better. Whether from natural procrastination or from our much publicized independence, we have long ago refused to be bound by the calendar.

THE LAST TEN DAYS

For many years gifts from churches and individuals received during the first ten days of January have been credited "as of December 31." An increasing proportion of each year's gifts arrived at our national headquarters in the opening days of the following year. It is an accepted fact that the first ten days of January 1949 are the most important days in 1948.

The Unit Plan is no exception. Year by year we have urged churches and individuals to transmit their gifts early. And year by year the largest receipts of the year have arrived after the year has officially closed. Of all the money contributed to the Unit Plan up to the end of 1947, a full twenty-five per cent has reached the New York office in the opening days of the January following the year in which it was credited.

THE NEED IS UNCHANGED

Seven years ago this denomination set itself the task of securing $1,200,000 to safeguard the full payment of annuities under the Original Plan of The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers. The reason for the Unit Plan is the same as it has been from the beginning. In our concentration upon quotas and figures we sometimes forget, but it is still true that approximately a thousand of our finest retired ministers and widows of ministers who are receiving annuities of $500 for a minister (which usually means a minister and his wife) and $300 for a widow, would have to receive less except for the Unit Plan. True, the immediacy of the threat of reduction has been lifted by the success of the Unit Plan thus far. Nevertheless, it is true that it is the Unit Plan that stands between these men and women and tragic diminution of a pitiful income.

CLEARING THE WAY

While the reason for the Unit Plan is unchanged, there is a special reason for completing it now. We are trying valiantly to clear the decks for the Christian World Mission campaign which begins in 1949. We urgently need to eliminate from our denominational projects all other special campaigns and all confusing promotion.

The Unit Plan will not be complete until the ten-year goal is reached. We are gratifyingly ahead of schedule. We expect to complete the task this year, but we have not completed it yet and we will not have completed it until $1,200,000 has been received.

So we appeal to you to make January 1-10, 1949 the greatest ten days in 1948. Make your check payable to The Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers and send it at once to The Unit Plan, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

"One Great Hour"

Albert D. Stauffacher

One Great Hour is the sixty minutes set apart during Lent, 1949, when Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches, working together, will present a concerted appeal for funds to carry on their own Relief and Reconstruction Programs, and for the combined program directed on their behalf by Church World Service.

The appeal will be made on a Saturday evening in March, 1949, over a national hook-up radio program using great music, drama, and well-known personalities to dramatize the need and urge the people to attend church the following morning to make their offering to this cause for the year.

In the case of our Congregational Christian churches all such gifts will count on *Our Christian World Mission* budget for 1949, and be credited to the goals of the churches from which the gifts come.

The *One Great Hour* will be preceded with publicity in newpapers, magazines and motion picture theaters, and with definite instructions and materials to ministers and churches as to how to proceed. *The full announcement of plans and materials will go out to all our ministers early in January.*

Remember: this is not another appeal, violating our plan for unified budget and unified promotion appeals in 1949. This is a part of *Our Christian World Mission* and furnishes a superb opportunity for churches that did not reach their goal in the Every Member Canvass to supplement the amount then received with additional gifts that will enable them to reach their full goal. Credit will be given to the churches on their budgetary goals in *Our Christian World Mission* program. All of this will count towards the realization of our total goal of $6,280,126.

One Great Hour promises to be the greatest cooperative effort of Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches ever undertaken in this field.

It will demonstrate to Christians and non-Christians alike just how tremendous is the power for good in the Christian religion when churches work together.

It will put new hope, new faith and new strength in the hearts of millions of Christians throughout the world.

It will bring closer to the church, and in many cases actually into the church many of the millions who today have no religious affiliation at all, but who will through this united action of Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches be drawn into active fellowship.

The director of *One Great Hour* is Mr. Robert Jordan, the man who last year directed the Sunday morning radio broadcast for the Protestant Episcopal Church whereby well over $1,000,000 was raised in the four hours it took eleven o'clock to pass from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores.

The Governing Board consists of: Mr. Harper Sibley, chairman; Mrs. Henry Sloane Coffin, Mrs. Douglas Horton, Bishop Herbert Welch, Dr. Franklin Fry, Mr. John Foster Dulles and Mr. William Ramsey. The promotional work for each of the twenty-three cooperating denominations will be directed by the respective directors of promotion.

Don't miss *One Great Hour.*

HOW TO USE THIS ISSUE OF

The Missionary Herald

Ione Catton

As you and your church launch *Our Christian World Mission* in January, 1949, you will find this issue of *The Missionary Herald* helpful.

In addition, the letters from our foreign missionaries will help you to understand conditions in many areas of the world. You will enjoy reading them. They are vividly and interestingly written. Quotations from these letters can be used to advantage in sermons and in church calendars.

1. **Mail from Missionaries.**

   A simple dramatic setting with couriers bringing in the letters, digests of which will be shared with your groups, will make the messages of these letters vivid.

   An afternoon or evening reading fest in home or church group will "get over" an amazing amount of information.

   Why not launch a travelogue, visiting the places and people described in the letters?

   The letters are rich in material for: children's sermons, sermon illustrations, reports for the Women's Fellowship, Pilgrim Fellowship programs, and project planning.

   A moment of silent group worship or a brief devotional talk may helpfully be built around any one of these letters.

Note that the closing sentence of each letter calls attention to *Our Christian World Mission* at work in specific places around the world and points to definite action on the part of church members everywhere. These sentences, together, make a dynamic challenge to definite participation and immediate alignment with *Our Christian World Mission.* Find a way to bring this challenge before your people.

2. **The Woman's Gift.**

   For a program which will start the women in your own fellowship on the important adventure of the 1949 Woman's Gift, for a later program of dedication of the gift, you will find the article on the Woman's Gift helpful. Every local Fellowship should have a copy and find its own creative ways of keeping before its group the six objectives of the Woman's Gift. Attractive reprints of this eight-page article are available for *free* distribution in your church. Order today from the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

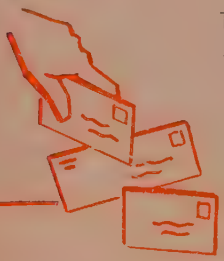
3. **The Story of D. Thomas Layman.**

   This story is key material for the launching, further interpretation, and carrying out of *Our Christian World Mission*: in dramatic form, in a radio skit, in informal discussions, and in explanation of the set of charts or the film on *Our Christian World Mission.* Get the text of this article into the thinking of your church group. It deals with the problems you face!

. . . *from* CHINA

ROBBINS STRONG describes what it means to work . . .

In a furnace of blood and tears



China is the touchstone of progress in the Far East. Unique in historical continuity, that gigantic nation is now in the throes of an unparalleled struggle. Our missionary influence has been a vigorous leaven in a massive loaf, and the bread of freedom and truth which Christianity has prepared is being tested in a furnace of blood and tears.

Dear Fellow Congregational Christians:

We live in the country, just outside of the city wall of Tunghsien. At the limits of our large compound begin the fields which make up the countryside of China called the "good earth." Thus there is nothing between us and the Communists who range the countryside from five to twenty miles out.

COMMUNISM MAKES HEADWAY

Living outside of the moat, two eight-foot palisades of sharpened poles and a city wall, we understand something of the sense of security that can come from living behind fortifications. However, fortifications as such can not and never will be a real defense against Communism.

Politically nothing has happened to cause us to change our previous estimate of the situation. (Ed. note. This letter was written before the November 14 *New York Times* report of "the loss to the Communists of all Manchuria.") From the Central Government point of view the situation continues to deteriorate. Nothing that it has done has developed any confidence on the part of the general populace. The Communists continue to make headway.

LONG CIVIL WAR

Although we do not think that there will be any immediate total collapse of the Central Government, we think even less that the collapse of the Communist regime is near. They are strong and here to stay. Thus we can look forward only to an indefinite period of civil war. There are those who foresee the settling of China's problems only in a general settlement at the conclu-

sion of a third World War. What a third World War would bring no one can tell, but even assuming a "victory" (whatever that means) of the Western allies, it is by no means certain that the Communist problem in China would thereby be solved. This is a deep far-going problem to which there is no humanly foreseeable end.

FIRST STAGE

If we must accept the fact that there are going to be parts of China under Communist control for a long

The ultimate success of missions depends upon national Christians. *Left*, the Yang brothers are efficient assistants to the treasurer of our No. China Mission.

Above, Warner Hall of our Charles E. Jefferson Academy at which the writer of the letter is a member of the staff. This is one of 1,226 Congregational Christian colleges and schools overseas. *Right*, Student Fellowship group, Yenching U., which is located in Peking, China.

time what of the future of the churches in those areas? How are the churches faring in present Communist areas?

To this question it is not possible to give a categorical answer, but from the experience of the past three years one can make certain generalizations. When the Communists first take over an area they tend to be lenient. This past summer two of the American Board stations in Shansi, Taiku, and Fenyang were occupied by the Communists. Notices were put up saying that church organizations were to be protected and should carry on business as usual. So far this has been possible. The hospitals and schools and churches in both places continue. Four American missionary women are permitted to carry on their work.

This does not mean that there are no problems. There are, but in some senses the restrictions are less than those under the former rule of Yen Hsishan. Thus in its initial stages the Communist occupation has been felt as a liberation by many people. Taiku and Fenyang are still in the initial period and our hope is that it will continue.

SECOND STAGE

In other areas where the occupation has gone on longer there comes a second period. Often it comes when the civil officials arrive to take over from the military. It is a period of liquidation, of "peoples trials," a period in which all those who for years have itched for revenge have their chance. It is a period in which the rich fare poorly and in which the "revolution" comes.

How difficult a time the churches have depends on many factors. Past history, mission policy, personalities

The members of the Relief Committee of our church in Tientsin, holding $40,000,000 of Chinese money for parish relief. David M. Stowe, *rear*, is a new missionary to China.

involved including those of Communist and church officials all make a difference. Perhaps even more important is the size and influence of the Christian community. Where it is a group that has been truly Christian and which not only wields influence in the community, but which most of all has a good reputation and the confidence and esteem of the common man the treatment is correspondingly good. Where the Christian community is weak and small and not established in the life and goodwill of the people it fares worse. This is a sort of realized eschatology, a Last Judgment, in which public opinion takes the place of God.

THIRD STAGE

The second period is characterized by insecurity, torture, cruelty and persecution. It is a time of trial and a trying time, but things level off into the third period, which usually doesn't make the headlines.

People have to live and a *modus vivendi* is established. Those who have survived the second period make

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If we Christians are going successfully to compete with Communism, we must meet it where the real issue is: which opens the wider door of hope to the plain people?

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

heir adjustment. Church life continues in many places, in some quite openly and with approval and in others very quietly, almost surreptitiously. Schools become practically impossible, for education is the prerogative of the authorities who want nothing that seems effective (in their sense of the word) which they can not control. Medical work continues but the matter of supplies and finances is difficult. Pastors and evangelists

Above, Dr. Alma L. Cooke, one of our China missionary-doctors, with her headquarters at Peiping, operating at Taiku Hospital.

find it necessary to adopt a trade in order to support themselves and to show that, in Communist terms, they are making a contribution to society. Some become itinerant merchants or "doctors" thus making their way around among the churches. It is not a situation in which the churches can grow but it is one in which they can hold on.

This is as far as the situation has developed at the present time. Whether there is a fourth stage in which the fundamental theological cleavage that exists between Communism and Christianity breaks out into active struggle between the two "religions" is not yet evident.

In closing, I want to emphasize the need of your continued and increased support of the benevolence program of our Congregational Christian churches. The Postwar Emergency Program has been a godsend in repairing the damages of war. *Our Christian World Mission* will help us meet the increased expenses necessary here, and, in so removing worry on financial matters, will release energy for other activities.

Sincerely yours,
ROBBINS STRONG

Mr. Strong went to China in 1934 and was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary in 1940 by our American Board for Foreign Missions.

Illustrations in this article by courtesy of the American Board for Foreign Missions.

A "knot-hole gang" of two dejected children, who could not be admitted because of lack of facilities, peeks in to watch others enjoying themselves at Ruth Van Kirk's Nursery School.

AFRICA REPORTS

Through JAMES DEXTER TAYLOR on:

The SIGNS of a NEW DAWN

Africa, hitherto known generally as "the dark continent," is studying now the signs of a new dawn. The work of our missionaries, as evangelists of goodwill, is doubtless the one, single factor on which many Africans count to achieve liberty without force. Shall the "dawn come up like thunder?" Or, will it come "with healing in its wings?"

Dear Church Friends:

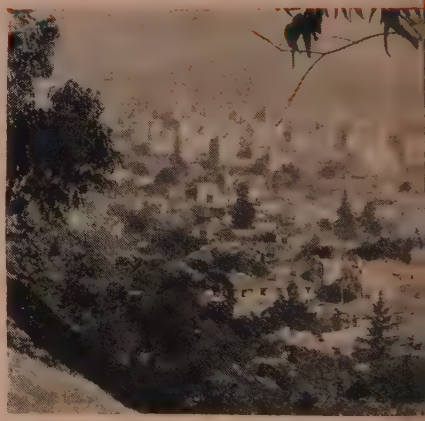
When our furlough is finished in 1949, Mrs. Taylor and I shall have been in the service of our Congregational Christian churches, as missionaries in South Africa, for fifty years.

SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEMS

The last twenty years of our service have been in Johannesburg, where the Christian churches face some of their greatest problems:

1. The problem of helping a people just emerging from the primitive stage of culture, to make their adjustment to a highly industrialized and largely materialistic environment;

2. The problem of interpreting Christianity to the Africans against the background of racial discrimination, of inequalities before the law, and of restriction of privileges in every aspect of life;



The last twenty years of Dr. Taylor's service in Africa were spent in the "Golden Gate City," Johannesburg, "crossroads" of Africa.

3. The problem of securing for the Africans something nearer a square deal, helping to organize and administer institutions which minister to their health and social needs, as well as to their spiritual needs through the churches.

CROSSROADS OF SOUTH AFRICA

The latter period of service in Johannesburg and its satellite towns and villages, has been more demanding and more strenuous.

Johannesburg is the crossroads of

Africa, at least of all South Africa.

Into it flow men from a dozen or more different African tribes — from the Union of South Africa itself, from Portuguese East Africa, Angola and South West Africa, from the native territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, from the Rhodesias and Nyassaland.

Out from Johannesburg flow influences of incalculable potency into areas from which the laborers come.

Right, Bantu Men's Social Center was founded in 1924 by our missionary Frederick Bridgman.

Below, the members of the first year class of the Jan H. Hofmeyr School. The girls are dressed in their "Guide" uniforms for their afternoon meeting — one of many activities.

Below, student body of the Hofmeyr School for Social Work in Johannesburg. This outstanding program is conducted by Ray E. Phillips.

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Tribal systems are being undermined; family life is disintegrating; evils born in city slums are spreading their infection into rural areas.

But, on the other hand, thousands are finding a new faith and spreading it in their home areas.

They are being awakened mentally. Superstition is gradually yielding to the new experience of schools and health centers, hospitals and our churches. New needs are being felt. A new sense of African solidarity is developing and a new consciousness of African possibilities is crystalling among the people.

OUR MOST URGENT NEEDS

1. The need of more missionaries is acute.

We have been overjoyed to receive during the past two years four new missionary families — the first since the retrenchments of the early 1930's. But in the meantime three families have retired, so that numerically the newcomers are scarcely sufficient for replacements.

2. New and rich gold fields have been discovered in the Orange Free State which bid fair to rival Johannesburg. Our African members will be among the workers and they will expect their church to minister to them.

These developments and the times demand better trained African ministers. School teachers, government supported, and Africans coming up in other professions are outpacing our African ministry — and the influence of our churches is thus weakened. To get better qualified pastors, some economic security must be provided.

3. A social and agricultural program is urgently needed in our country stations to improve the economic and cultural status of the rural areas. This is fundamental — if we Christians are to do a real job in Africa.

4. The financial burden of our higher educational and medical work has been largely transferred to local boards of sympathetic South African Europeans, but missionary personnel must not be allowed to disappear in those institutions if their spiritual tone is to be maintained.

5. Following the visit of Frank C.

Above, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, our world-wide literacy expert, teaches a class of Africans to read on his recent visit. He established literacy classes in some 63 African dialects.

Below, a happy and large African congregation after a Sunday morning service. Churches must be aided in Africa if *Our Christian World Mission* is to achieve its objectives.

Laubach and his aides, who prepared literacy charts in more than fifty African languages during the past year, more emphasis must be placed upon a Christian literacy program.

Printing facilities are a bottleneck — so much more literature is demanded for Africa's needs. There is especially urgent need of more evangelical and general literature throughout all Africa.

Right, Dr. Taylor, the writer of the letter, speaks at the opening of mission school located at Brakpan. *Below,* Albert J. Luthuli, Congregational Zulu chief, points to a picture at Oberlin showing the old way of reading by dull rote.

6. Mass evangelism and the spread of the Christian message can be strikingly aided by means until now little used in Africa: motion pictures, film strips, broadcasting, and records played over village public address systems.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The total cost of *Our Christian World Mission* for 1949 is $6,280,126. Of this amount, our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions will receive $1,848,733 for its total work throughout the world.

As a missionary from South Africa, may I add my word in regard to the urgency of the need. I trust and pray that your church will attain that percentage of increase over its former benevolence giving which will ensure that it is bearing its full Christian part in the total increase.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES DEXTER TAYLOR

Dr. Taylor was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary to Africa in 1899, and is one of our most distinguished missionaries. He is now on furlough, prior to retirement, and lives in Amherst, Mass.

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from TURKEY

LYNDA GOODSELL BLAKE describes . . .

Training for democratic leadership

Turkey is as never before a part of our American world. The U. S. government is pouring financial and material resources into the country to support it in its determination to remain within the democratic orbit. Our churches must step up their support for what our author calls "a magnificent adventure of Christian goodwill."

Dear Friends at Home:

Many of us out on the field feel a real and living sense of partnership with you in the home churches.

May I tell you why we in Turkey feel this way?

WE, TOO, MUST REBUILD

Many of you are remodelling your church building, or erecting a new one, after the restrictions and makeshifts of the war years.

We, too, are on the verge of building. Our Junior-Senior High School for Girls started from scratch here in the suburbs of Izmir just twenty-five years ago, after we had lost everything — lock, stock and barrel — in the war-time fire of 1922, except a small but loyal Turkish constituency.

Even now, with a capacity load of 275 students, we have only one structure that could be recognized as a school building. The rest, due partly to the depression, partly to the war, and partly to Turkish restrictions on building construction by foreigners, are entirely "make-do."

Last spring we were finally granted a permit to build — from no less august a body than the Grand National Assembly itself. This was like a miracle in these times of "balance" diplomacy; and it is a sure mark of confidence in our work on the part of the Turkish government.

BUT HOW?

By careful husbandry of gifts received previously, we laid up enough money to pay for the first unit of a four-building group — a gymnasium and assembly hall, plus a classroom section and laboratory, which will relieve our most pressing needs. Student fees will cover about nine-tenths of our operating costs; but we cannot locally manage any major expenditures beyond that limit.

Therefore, we have high hopes

Left, Clara A. Engle, R. N., of Gaziantep in Turkey, symbolizes the high standard of our program. *Right,* a glimpse of our hospital properties at Gaziantep.

that *Our Christian World Mission,* which your churches at home are launching this month, will be so successful that, with your help, we may plan for the erection of our much-needed second unit, providing additional classrooms, an adequate library, and a greatly needed administration center.

Above, a class in Turkish literature in our American Collegiate Institute in Izmir, being taught by the Turkish Assistant Principal.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

Again, many of you realize the importance of building up the young people's work in your church.

Failure to present young people with the challenge of a love which never fails has kept the churches too often from enlisting the activity of those in the growing years.

We, also, know how imperative it is to work with young people — mostly with girls in our case. For we have seen it proven over and over again that a desire for service, cooperation and understanding which is awakened today will always work out as a large investment in goodwill and peace for the days to come. Therefore, we are hard at work in

Below, the nineteenth of May is a national athletic holiday in Turkey. Shown are boys of our school in Talas ready for a parade.

these days strengthening and revitalizing our program for young people.

You are concerned that all citizens of your community shall exercise their democratic franchise by voting intelligently and conscientiously on election day. You wish that candidates of intelligence and scrupulous devotion to the public welfare may be chosen at the polls.

DEMOCRATIC ADVANCE

We, too, here in Turkey, wish to share in and to encourage the process of democratic advance through which this country is now going. The United States has had 175 years in which to grow up to its democratic possibilities. Turkey has had only twenty-five years. And it is highly important that the Turkish people should fit themselves as quickly as they can for full participation in the world-wide democratic movement.

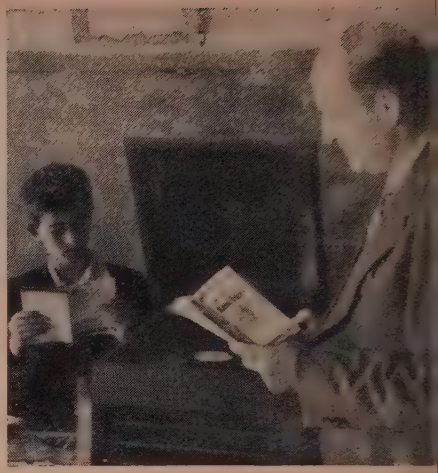
We are very conscious of our opportunity to help in this regard, and our chief anxiety is lest we should not measure up to it. You can help us — through *Our Christian World Mission* — to do a better job and to play our full part in this most critical situation.

THE SPIRITUAL PROBLEM

Many of you feel that the churches' primary task is to meet the spiritual needs of a generation which is groping in confusion.

We, too, want to bear witness to the necessity of a spiritual and transcendental evaluation of life. After twenty-five years of complete disregard for the place and power of religion in life, the national leaders of Turkey have begun to shudder at the aridity of the atmosphere which their attitude has produced.

Some are now suggesting that a religious emphasis might make a real difference, and might even cause the desert to bloom once more. And we stand shoulder to shoulder with them.



Above, Dr. Harry R. Meyering when at Tarsus College used records to teach basic English.

New buildings, young people, training for democracy, a spiritual undergirding of life — surely these mutual interests make us partners, although geographically we may seem far apart.

While the United States was occupied with its own expansion, as long as it was relatively untouched by international currents and concerns, the appeal of foreign missions required a real effort of spiritual imagination.

PARTNERS THROUGH CONCERN

But now in our day American money and American goods — things of the most concrete variety — are being sent to every corner of the globe, and American aid in many strategically useful forms is being extended to the people and government here in Turkey. It requires only ordinary perception to see that we should uphold every sincere effort along these far-flung commercial and diplomatic frontiers.

But it is our special task to cultivate the fruits of the spirit which, on sober thought, we people of the West consider just as fundamental

and just as essential to real progress and peace as the products of American factories and farms.

Tractors? Certainly. Automobiles? Of course. Radios? A "must." Bathtubs? Horrors, yes. Sewing machines? A necessity. Plastics? Absolutely.

Schools? Schools, where an understanding of the source, the development and the historical application of the gospel of goodwill may be taught through the medium of the English language? Why is that our concern? It is our concern for the same reason that it is your concern,

Above, a glimpse of new outdoor theater of the American Collegiate Institute at Izmir.

for we are partners. We are working in behalf of the same outlook upon life — you in America, and we out here among the Turkish people.

WHAT IS CIVILIZATION?

In the interior of Turkey, I asked a class to define the word civilization as it had come up in that day's assignment. The pupils' English was limited, but their imaginations were not.

One boy replied with swift eagerness: "Everything, it goes very fast."

At first, I laughed, but not for long. The answer sobered me as I pondered it. For, to that Turkish youngster, only one step away from ox-cart days, speed and civilization went together. Trains, autos, airplanes, telephones, radios and typewriters made up his notion of civilized existence.

Then I began to ask myself: "What is civilization?" I cannot spell out for you my whole answer. But I can give you the gist of it in these few words: Civilization, if it means anything at all of enduring significance, is simply the second great commandment translated into action. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." That is it — and it is precisely what our old world needs more than anything else. And as I understand it, this is what *Our Christian World Mission* means.

PARTNERS IN GOODWILL

I wish that I could send each one of you a basket of fresh figs from the school garden. I would like to send you a picture of our graduating class: the girls in their long, billowy white dresses, with an eagerness to live meaningfully and usefully shining from their faces. I wish that I might give you a share in our joy on September 5th when we welcomed our three new teachers — from California, Oregon and Vermont!

But instead, I must content myself with sending you these words — telling you of our warm interest in all that you are doing, through *Our Christian World Mission*, as partners with us in this magnificent adventure of goodwill.

Loyally yours,
LYNDA GOODSELL BLAKE

Mrs. Blake, the daughter of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, has been a Congregational Christian missionary in Turkey since 1928.

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from the SOUTH PACIFIC

CHARLES L. HEUSER

Tells About an Island

Where a MIRACLE really has happened

Not long ago, Truk and the South Pacific stood as a symbol of gruesome warfare. But here we have a letter, telling us about a beautiful service of dedication in peaceful Truk. What miracles can happen! And how wonderful it would be if, through gifts to *Our Christian World Mission,* such a miracle as this might happen frequently.

Dear Church Friends:

Sunday, August 22nd, was a memorable day for the people who live within the Truk lagoon, for it was on that day that we dedicated the first of six new churches which are being rebuilt with Postwar Emergency Program funds from our Congregational Christian churches.

A CHURCH IS REBUILT

These churches in the lagoon were destroyed during World War No. II, but now the people are beginning to build anew. And it fills an American missionary with great satisfaction to know that the funds sent by our Congregational Christian friends are helping to restore what the forces of war destroyed.

It is a four hour trip from Dublon to Tol. We went on Saturday afternoon, stayed overnight and returned home late Sunday.

On Sunday morning, before the first rooster had time to crow, people

Top, right, Mr. Heuser and party start off in their whaleboat for Tol for the dedication of the new church. *Right,* a nurse giving injections for tropical diseases of the So. Pacific. Medicines and instruments contributed by Church World Service which *Our Christian World Mission* supports generously.

Below, more churches such as this one must be built to replace those lost during war.

were arriving so as to be on hand for a service which they knew would not begin until nine o'clock.

It was at an early hour, therefore, that I looked over the new church. The Reverend Mr. Wilhelm Kaercher, a German missionary who is working in this area with the American Board for Foreign Missions of our Congregational Christian churches, directed the construction of this building, and he is also supervising the erection of three other churches in the western end of Truk. The training in building construction which Mr. Kaercher had in Germany before he came to the mission field has certainly been of inestimable value here.

DIGNIFIED AND WORSHIPFUL

The church is eighty feet long and forty feet wide: a simple cement

Left, a young woman teaches her Sunday morning Bible class under the trees. Our missionaries work hard to develop leadership.

structure but very durable and particularly suitable for the tropics.

The entire construction expense for the church was about $1,000, one half of which was supplied by your Postwar Emergency Program. The remainder was raised by the people themselves.

I was pleased to see that they had provided for a worship center, with cross and altar rightly placed and proportioned. The women of the parish had made an altar cloth with the words, *Holy, Holy, Holy,* cross-stitched upon it. This was excellently done and it made an effective impression. At each of the windows were two bamboo vases filled with beautiful and fragrant tropical flowers. The perfume of these blossoms brought back memories of many an Easter Sunday back in my home church in the United States.

DOORS INTO HEAVEN

I cannot adequately describe the simplicity and beauty of this little church amid the swaying palms.

But perhaps the feeling of the young pastor may help you to realize how much your gifts have meant to these people so far away.

With his church all completed, Namio, the pastor, filled with a proper pride, turned to Mr. Kaercher and said: "Now tell me — the Pope hasn't a better church, has he? Nothing can be better." That was a hard question to answer tactfully, but Mr. Kaercher replied: "Well, his building may be a little better but his church certainly isn't." This pleased Namio so much that it was all he could do to keep from bursting with happiness.

And when Namio saw that the doors of the church were painted a soft green, he said: "These doors are just like the doors going into heaven." And that sentence seemed to me so full of truth and goodness that I used it as the introduction to the morning sermon.

AN INSPIRING SERVICE

By the time the service began, the church was packed with 500 people, with another 200 standing outside the door and windows. At 12:30, when the service ended, I confess that I was uneasy from having to sit so long. But this was so great an event for these people that all the neighboring pastors and many island chiefs were invited to say a few words, which proved to be like our American "two-minute speeches" which extend usually into ten. Yet it was inspiring to share with them their joy on such an occasion.

After the church service came the feast: rice, fish, turtle steaks, breadfruit, taro, fresh pig, watermelon, bananas and tea. After this "light" lunch our party set sail for Dublon and our Mission School.

In behalf of all the Christian people who live in Truk, we thank you for reaching out your healing hands halfway around the world to help a seemingly insignificant but sincerely grateful community of those who, like you, are followers of Jesus. May your plans for *Our Christian World Mission* be successful, carrying forward our historic ministry to the peoples of the world.

Happily yours,
CHARLES L. HEUSER

Mr. Heuser was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary to the South Pacific in 1947, following a pastorate in Maine.

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DANIEL HAND EDUCATIONAL FUND FOR COLORED PEOPLE

Income for the three months ended October 31, 1948, $26,476.82

PILGRIM FRONTIER

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WISDOM AND VIRTUE

Albert W. Palmer

It is fortunate that New Year comes so soon after Christmas. The cynic may say, "O Yeah? Too soon! A New Year we have to pay the bills we ran up at Christmas!"

But that is just my point! Only I am not thinking of what we may owe the furniture man, the jeweler or the department store. I am referring to the debt we owe to the ideals of Christmas and to all humanity.

David Star Jordan used to say: "Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it!" Well, Christmas provides us with the sublimest wisdom the world has ever known; and New Year challenges us to the virtue of making a new start toward the goal which Christmas has lifted up before us.

The Christmas bells ring out: "Peace on earth, good will to men!" The theme of Christmas is light and joy and brotherhood — faith in God and hope for the world.

But New Year calls for character, foresight, consecration and endurance, the sterner virtues which enable men to build the Christmas vision into the structure of civilization — the home, the shop, the church, the community and the present quarrelsome fear-beclouded world.

Without the New Year virtues, Christmas will remain just a vision, a Christmas tree soon to be stripped of all its shining decorations, carted away and forgotten.

Albert W. Palmer

NOTE: The Rev. Albert W. Palmer, Radio Minister, First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, and former Moderator of The General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, broadcasts regularly his "Religious News: Worldwide, National and Local" over KFAC (1330) each Saturday at 1:15 P. M., under the auspices of The Los Angeles Church Federation.

THE WORLD AT OUR DOORSTEP

All of us need the reminder of the Rev. Wesley Purkiss, Norwalk, which appeared in his parish newssheet recently:

"We who luxuriate in shiny new kitchens and dream fond dreams of floor heaters and improved lighting, are prone to forget that our Christianity extends beyond the walls of our church, or the bounds of our community. But the gospel of Christ reminds us that religion is real only when a man loves his neighbor and implements that love with helpfulness —even to paying the bills. And "neighbor" does not mean just the man next door or down the street

but anyone in need anywhere in the world.

"The road to Jericho circles the globe now, and people who have been robbed, beaten and left to die, call for help at every turn. Congregationalists are called to dig deeper and reach farther than ever before, in order that all God's children might have shoes, and wings of hope, and a harp and a song to go with it. We as a church are called upon to double and redouble our giving for "Our Christian World Mission." Dare we 'pass by on the other side'?"

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The total denominational goal for "Our Christian World Mission" for 1949, which combines in one objective the many causes which heretofore have come to our churches in separate appeals, will be $6,280,000.

The total goal for the churches in our Conference will be $320,000.00. This has been broken down for each church into "Suggested Goals," based on the "Giving Strength" of the church during the last full year for which figures are available, 1947.

"Giving Strength" is the sum which the church contributed for local church expenses plus its giving on benevolence apportionment. It does not include new building costs. The apportionment item in 1947 did not include War Victims and Reconstruction, The Unit Plan, The Church Extension Crusade, and similar causes which were limited in their period of existence.

The national goal of $6,280,000 seems large until one realizes that it means only six dollars per member per year for each Congregationalist, less than a two-cent postage stamp per day.

The Conference goal of $320,000, in which our special need for Church Extension is included, calls for about $8.50 per member, or less than a three-cent postage stamp per day.

Manifestly, not every Congregationalist does his full duty in the support of his church and its wider fellowship. Therefore, most givers will need to think in much more generous terms. And we believe they will when they discern that "Our Christian World Mission" embraces all causes for 1949 and is our part in an interdenominational United Foreign Mission Advance Program designed to make real "One World in Christ."

You and your church may have a real share!

WRITING LARGER ITEMS INTO BUDGETS

Reports from many of our churches which have already adopted their church and missionary budgets for 1949 indicate that there is an earnest desire to do their full part in the "missionary advance" undertaken by our denomination. One church is suggesting for itself a goal which is $1,400 more than its goal for 1948. Smaller churches are "stepping up" their proposed giving since all denominational missionary objectives will be in one goal next year.

Churches which will not determine their missionary budget item until their annual meeting in January are encouraged to set their sights high so that, as Congregationalists, we shall feel we are doing our share in the United Missionary Advance of the major denominations.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TOUR OF THE SOUTHWEST

Geo. D. Jenkins

Immediately following the association meetings in Arizona and New Mexico, the Rev. George D. Jenkins, Minister of Christian Education, accompanied by Miss Dorothea M. Anderson, Children's Worker, and Mrs. Thos. G. Wight, made a tour of of our churches in Arizona and New Mexico. Wherever possible, contact was made with church school teachers, leaders of young people's groups and officers of women's organizations. This proved to be a fine opportunity for the presentation of materials for church schools, helping to plan and organize programs for young people's work and consideration of long-term plans for the religious education program of many churches. Mr. Jenkins was also able to contact the campus advisers and college groups at Tempe, Albuquerque, and Tucson.

Pilgrim Fellowship

The Arizona Pilgrim Fellowship held its Fall Rally in Phoenix October 23 and 24. It was also the time for a leadership training session for officers of local groups. Sessions in recreation, worship and administration were held the first afternoon, with the evening given over to social activities and a party. On Sunday morning a worship service was held, at which time Mr. Jenkins spoke. The noon meal ended the rally. The entire affair was held in the Encanto Club House.

The officers of the Arizona Association are: Pres., Stacy Richards; Vice Pres., Bill McSpadden; Sec., Ann Kelly, Tucson; and Treas., Orin Gustin, Phoenix. Mrs. Victor Kelly, Tucson, is the adviser.

Other Associations

Most of the Pilgrim Fellowship Associations have had their Fall Rally. The Northwest L. A. group met November 7 at Glendale. The new officers are: Pres., John Lambert, Colonial; Vice Pres., Schuyler Harshman, Glendale; Sec., Beverly Seeburg, Burbank; Treas., Rodney Skager, La Canada. Mr. Lloyd Gysen, youth leader at the Glendale Church, is the new adviser for this association.

The San Bernardino Association P. F. met at Redlands on November 7. After the recreation period, the business meeting was held. Reports were given on the Defiance and Grand Rapids conferences. The Rev. Wm. D. Pratt of Redlands gave the evening address. The new officers are:

Pres., Roy Studer, Highland; Vice Pres., Shirley Wilkinson, Etiwanda; Sec., Judy Valdron, Riverside; Treas., Dick Stanley.

Annual Mid-Winter Meeting

The Annual Mid-Winter Meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at Riverside December 28-30. The conference will begin with the evening meal on Wednesday and end with the noon meal on Friday. Each church is entitled to five delegates and one adult. There will be the election of officers for the coming year and consideration of several changes in the constitution. A fine program has been prepared, including Ronald Bridges, of Pacific School of Religion, as one of the speakers. Be sure to send in your reservations ahead of time. Watch for further publicity. Reservation blanks were mailed to every church.

New Junior High Commission

The newly organized Junior High Commission met with Henry Rust, National Junior High Secretary, at the Hollywood Church on November 22. The purpose of the meeting was to set up plans and adopt a program for junior high work in this conference. Results of this meeting will be available to all junior high leaders. If you do not get materials soon, write to the conference office. The Rev. Walter H. Staves is the chairman of the commission.

Student Commission

The Student Commission held its first meeting of the fall at Occidental College on November 4. A number of events for the year ahead were discussed and planned. The first of these is a college-age camp to be held at Pilgrim Pines February 11-13. Students connected with any of our campus groups or with any of our churches are urged to attend. Publicity is being mailed directly to the groups. The cost will be $6.00 for the two days.

Officers of the Student Commission are: Pres., Gretchen Brunner, Pomona College; Vice Pres., John McElderry, U. S. C.; Secretary, Pat Powers, U. C. L. A.; Treasurer Marian Lilley, Glendale College. The Rev. Victor M. Rhein of Pomona is the chairman.

A WELL PLANNED YOUTH PROGRAM

The Junior and Senior High School Youth Department of the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church, Los Angeles, from October 1, 1947 to May 31, 1948, provided an experimental church school program at 9:30 a.m. in the form of a subscription course in Christian Living.

This included preparatory lectures and field trip visits to various churches and governmental and social agencies; study of religion and church, together with comparative religions, vocational guidance, visual education in the form of fine motion pictures from various libraries, and the attendance at one church service a month for a special youth sermon.

The program cost twenty-five cents a week and attendance and subscription payment were checked for delinquency. No further charges were made and all expenses for transportation, movie rentals, etc., were paid from the weekly charge. The Christian Education Committee of the church underwrote the subscriptions of those interested but financially unable to participate. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mitchel were in charge of this unusually well planned youth program.

YOUNG ADULT COMMISSION MAKES PLANS

The Commission, the Rev. Walter A. Mueller, Chairman, met on Oct. 24 and Dec. 4 at Long Beach to map out its program for the year ahead. Six couples constitute the commission.

The Women's Fellowship

CHRISTMAS, 1948

Mrs. Thos. G. Wight

The Light of the Christmas Star shines down on the world again. The old, old story of the journey to Bethlehem, the scene at the manger bed, the song of the angels and the visit of the shepherds, the Wise men bringing their gifts, is being retold in the beauty of scripture, pageantry and song.

There is peace and goodwill in the hearts of men. Kindness and generosity are all around us and the world seems good. To the Quaker poet, John Greenlief Whittier, in one of his Yuletide poems, Christmas was a holy time of peace. In the hushed beauty of the silent night the soldiers laid down their arms and soldiers and shepherds together came to worship at the manger. All men forgot their quarrels and all men became brothers.

If only we might keep this beautiful and kindly spirit alive beyond the short while of the Christmas season. The needs of a suffering world could be met and the road to peace which men and nations are seeking could more easily be found.

Let us go again to Bethlehem and there at the manger renew our faith in a God of love and peace. Believing with all our might in His promises as revealed through the Infant Jesus, let each one of us strive to keep the spirit of Christmas within our hearts throughout the year.

Your Christmas

A bright and blessed Christmas Day,
With echoes of the angels' song
And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladdness, calm and strong,
And sweet hearts carol, flowing free,
These form my Christmas wish for thee.
—Unidentified.

A VISIT TO THE WIDER FELLOWSHIP

A good part of the month of October was spent in attending the Association meetings of the conference. Two weeks of that time were spent in visiting the churches in the Arizona and New Mexico-El Paso Associations, traveling around 3,000 miles.

It has been a great joy to meet and know a little more intimately the women of all the associations. Everywhere I found a real concern for the work of the Fellowship and the Church, and a willingness on the part of every group to carry its share. Neither deserts or distance are barriers as Christian women work together in a common interest. Truly there is a splendid spirit of cooperation and a fine fellowship among the women of our Conference.

Two new groups have come to join us within the last few weeks. One, the women of the Church of

Christian Fellowship in Los Angeles and the other in the Chino Valley near Prescott, Arizona, where ground has just been broken for a new church. Even though they have no building the women of this community have come together feeling that in an organization they can be more helpful as their new church and its program get under way.

We welcome these two groups into our Fellowship and trust that they may have in a very real sense, a feeling of belonging and that they will want to share in the larger program of our women's work.

The sympathy of our entire fellowship is extended to Mrs. Robert L. Bowen in the loss of her sister, and to the family of Mrs. John Toomay who pased away after several months of illness.

Mrs. Thomas G. Wight

CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

On the afternoon of November 18 and all day November 19 Congregationalists from many churches counselled with missionary leaders concerning "Our Christian World Mission." Participating in these conferences from the denomination at large were:

John A. Reuling, Secretary for Africa, American Board; Pres. Bhaskar P. Hivale, Ahmednagar College, India; Miss Ruth Morton, The American Missionary Association; Henry R. Rust, Division of Christian Education, Director of Junior High Work; the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred D. Heininger, China; and the Rev. Howard Stone Anderson, minister, Bridgeport, Conn.

On the evening of November 18, at the Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, a great interdenominational foreign missions mass meeting was held, addressed by the Rev. Charles Ranson, of India, and the Rev. Paul Harrison, of East Arabia. Six thousand attended this meeting.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONVOCATION OF MINISTERS AT U. S. C. JANUARY 26-28

Preliminary announcement of this convocation should be of intense interest to every minister within our Conference. It is hoped that five hundred ministers of many denominations will avail themselves of this event. Highlighting the faculty will be George A. Buttrick, New York; Hugh Vernon White, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley; David Eitzen, Jesse Bader, Theodore Palmquist, and others.

Registration will be $3.00. Full details regarding courses, entertainment, etc., will be sent all of our ministers. It is hoped that this preliminary announcement will lead many to reserve these dates for what many think will be only the first of an annual interdenominational convocation of outstanding merit. The quota of ministers asked from the Congregational fellowship is fifty.

THE SCHEDULE OF GRAHAM MEETINGS

Walter A. Graham, Executive Director of the national Congregational Laymen's Fellowship, spoke in the following places early in December:

Dec. 1, Bakersfield; Dec. 2, Kensington, San Diego; Dec. 3, Riverside; Dec. 5, First Church, Los Angeles, Sunday Evening Club; Dec. 6, Buena Park; Dec. 7, Western Knoll; Dec. 8, Tempe, Arizona; Dec. 9, Tucson, Arizona; Dec. 10, Santa Rita, New Mexico.

Mr. Graham visited Europe last summer to contact laymen's groups there and brought to our meetings a message of urgency for Congregational laymen to assume their full obligation in the work of the Church at home and throughout the world. He reported that our national laymen's fellowship is growing in numbers and strength.

LAYMEN'S PAGE

ANOTHER ASSOCIATION-WIDE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PLANNED

The New Mexico-El Paso Association, which met Oct. 19-20 at Santa Rita and Hurley, authorized the moderator to appoint a committee of three laymen to make plans for the development of an association-wide Laymen's Fellowship Rally during the coming year.

OBSERVANCE OF LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Among the churches in our conference which observed Laymen's Sunday in October were the following:

In Chula Vista laymen were in charge of the morning service while the minister sang in the male choir.

At Santa Ana laymen participated in the service with a guest layman, Wilbur Tunison, former president of the Disciples' Laymen's League, speaking.

Three laymen spoke on "Christianity As I See It" in Pilgrim Church, Pomona, while two others shared in the worship service.

Laymen conducted the service at our Garvanza Church on Oct. 17.

Howard A. Bakken, moderator of our Bay Shore Church, Long Beach, spoke on Laymen's Sunday on "A Layman's Idea of Stewardship."

Four laymen participated in the service on Laymen's Sunday at First Church, Pasadena, with Mr. Goslin, new Pasadena Superintendent of Schools giving the morning sermon.

Glendale laymen permitted their minister to sit in a pew as they took full charge of the morning service, three of them speaking.

Colonial Church, Los Angeles, conducted a fine service through its laymen on Oct. 17, the minister being privileged to sit with his family in the pews.

Santa Barbara laymen revealed their capacity as spiritual leaders at their morning church service.

"PANTS" FOR PREACHERS' PROJECT

Among those most destitute in Japan, according to Miss Ruth Seabury, are ministers and teachers. Laymen are showing great interest in a "Pants for Preachers; Trousers for Teachers" project. Most clothing sent to Japan is for women and children. Clothes for men is a project for our laymen and some are already gathering together good used clothing. Each laymen's group is asked to send its packages to Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, 61 Nakakawara Cho, Shimogamo, Kyoto, Japan, and report later to the Conference office total pounds sent. The cost is ten cents per pound and packages are limited to twenty-two pounds.

"A LAYMAN'S CREED" BY WM. C. JONES

A four-page leaflet on this theme by President Wm. C. Jones of Whittier College, former president of our Conference Laymen's Fellowship, is being used widely through the denomination.

Copies may be secured from the Conference office for distribution.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON LAYMEN'S GROUPS

We need up-to-date information on laymen's work in each church: name and address of the president, if there is an organization, and names of key laymen in the church, with suggestions how the Conference may be of service.

VERBAL AND VISUAL REPORT FROM EUROPE

Since Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier's return from Europe, where he spent two months last summer with a War Victims and Reconstruction study group, he has been in great demand for addresses. Many days he has spoken three times, illustrating his address with movies which he took on his trip.

As he has spoken in our churches all over our Conference and stressed the critical need for continuing interest and aid from all of our Congregational Churches, it is to be hoped that our poor record in giving to this cause in 1947 will be somewhat redeemed by a supreme effort before this calendar year ends.

The Christmas offering in most of our churches will be designated for War Victims and Reconstruction, with especial concern for work among children.

The Rev. Wm. D. Pratt, of Redlands, who also was in Europe last summer, is speaking widely in the interest of a more generous support on the part of our churches.

Since these emergency services are to be a part of the total Christian World Mission program in 1949 both of the above speakers will be available for addresses in our churches.

HELP START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

You who read these lines are doubtless already subscribers of The Pilgrim Frontier edition of The Missionary Herald. We who are responsible for this publication each month covet for all of our churches an increased list of regular readers. Missionary and church news, especially that having to do with our own denomination, at home and abroad, in our conference and among our local churches, needs to be broadcast to more of our church people.

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"When we speak of 'going over the top' in raising our church budget, we usually mean just 'going over the bottom'."

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Baker, Gordon J., minister of Colonial Church, Los Angeles, for the past five years, became minister at Shafter Union Church on Dec. 1.

Brown, Arnold Allan, Durham, N. H., called to San Barnardino by vote of the church on Nov. 14.

Harter, Melvin A., formerly with Church World Service and the Los Angeles Church Federation, called to Woodland Hills as minister Oct. 24.

Perkins, James C., Union Church, Phoenix, resigned as minister in November, to go to San Antonio, Texas.

Sherwood, Daily, minister at Red Lodge, Montana, called to Maricopa as minister to begin Dec. 12.

Steadman, Lafayette L., resigned as minister at Pacoima in November.

Yinger, Homer V., minister of The Claremont Church since 1944, has resigned, effective January 1.

Weinbrenner, Reynold, theological student at U. S. C., called Nov. 7 as minister of our Berean Church, Los Angeles.

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"Almost everybody believes in tithing — some even practice it."

SOCIAL ACTION

Since the coming of George Thomas to the Conference staff as Counselor in Intercultural Relations, he has been serving as Director of the Department of Social Action of the Conference.

On Sunday, October 24, a Legislative Institute was held at our Western Knoll Church, Los Angeles, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Major issues among the initiative measures on the fall election ballot were presented by affirmative and negative speakers and discussion followed.

Shirley E. Greene

The Social Action Department has taken the responsibility for the itinerary of the Rev. Shirley E. Greene, Agricultural Relations Secretary of The Council for Social Action, scheduled to be in our Conference from Dec. 7 to 17.

Several area meetings have been planned but time has also been reserved so that he can do some research into agricultural conditions in Kern County, among the citrus growers, in Arizona and possibly in the Imperial Valley. Mr. Greene is responsible for the national program in this area of The Council for Social Action and this is his first visit to our Conference since coming to his new position.

Other Institutes

The success of monthly institutes sponsored by the Conference Department of Social Action, with one specific theme for study and discussion, insures a continuance of this program.

The Department urges the formation in each local church of a group interested in Social Action questions. Write Mr. George Thomas at the Conference office for help in this field of interest and action.

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Have you ordered YOUR copy of "THE BIG FISHERMAN," by Lloyd C. Douglas, just off the press, $3.75? The author is a Congregational minister, one-time pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, and author of many bestsellers. Order "The Big Fisherman" NOW from Pilgrim Press Service.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

Phoenix, Encanto

A seminar for church school workers was held on October 27 with George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Christian Education, and Miss Dorothea M. Anderson, Children's Worker, as the leaders. Mr. Jenkins and President Walter Giersbach of Pacific University were speakers at a Pilgrim Fellowship Rally the preceding weekend. The Rev. Waldo S. Richardo, minister.

Phoenix, First

The church was host to Dr. Sidney Berry of England on November 10. . . . The parish house enlargement program will be completed in December. Church school attendance has broken all previous records. The church attendance for all services has set a new high. Church finances are on a firmer basis than ever before. The church has made tremendous progress under the leadership of the Rev. Frederick A. Barnhill.

Phoenix, Neighborhood

Rev. Charles E. Tate conducted a teacher training and Bible study course on Thursday evenings during October and November.

Phoenix, Union

Guest speakers during the month of October were the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fairbank, of India; and the Rev. George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Christian Education; and Miss Dorothea M. Anderson, Children's Worker. . . . The Rev. James C. Perkins, minister of Union Church for the past two years, resigned December 7 to accept the pastorate of First Church, San Antonio, Texas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have provided splendid leadership for Union Church, and we wish them well in their new pastorate.

Tempe, First

A sacrificial service was held on Sunday evening prior to Thanksgiving and the offering was contributed to War Victims and Reconstruction. . . . The minister, the Rev. Cecil L. Prior, spoke to the freshmen of the University of Arizona on November 9 on "The Place of Religion in Education."

Tombstone Community

Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was guest speaker on Sunday, November 7, in recognition of the completion of an extensive church remodeling program. In the evening he spoke on his trip to Europe last summer. The Rev. George R. Bennett, minister.

Yavapai Cooperative Parish

Bumble Bee. The new church at Bumble Bee is meeting on Tuesday evenings with an enrollment of twenty-five. Mrs. Kelly is giving leadership to this newest venture.

Chino Valley. Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council, officially broke ground on Sunday, October 17, for a new church. A Women's Fellowship was organized the next day with Mrs. Thomas G. Wight, President of the Conference Fellowship, and Mrs. Waldo S. Richards of Phoenix, assisting.

Crown King. The church school is meeting regularly and new work was planned for November.

Humboldt. The community hall of

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of Claremont donated a new electric range.

Mayer. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was the guest preacher at Mayer on Sunday, October 17. This is not yet formally organized as a church but is one of the units in the Cooperative Parish. The young people's organization is functioning.

Prescott. The church was host to the Arizona Association meeting on October 17 and 18. Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the General Council; the Rev. R. W. Fairbank, of India; and Supt. Dreier were among the speakers. . . . In October the church was host to President Walter Giersbach, Pacific University, Oregon; and in November was host to Dr. Sidney M. Berry, Secretary of the International Congregational Council. . . . Prescott is the hub of the Cooperative Parish which the Rev. Charles Franklin Parker, minister, has been developing for a period of years.

KERN ASSOCIATION

First, Bakersfield

Bakersfield, First

The church was host to two important meetings in December; on December 1 to laymen of the Association and Walter A. Graham, National Laymen's Director, who was the guest speaker; and on December 7 when the Rev. Shirley E. Greene, Agricultural Relations Secretary of the Council for Social Action, gave the address to representatives of the Association churches. The Rev. John S. Whiteneck, minister.

Maricopa, First

The Rev. Sherwood Daily, minister of our church in Red Lodge, Montana, for the past three years, became minister of the Maricopa Church on December 12. A young man with a fine record, he has splendid leadership to give to this church.

Panama Community

For a number of years this church has been on the Conference's aided list. By action of its board in November, it has informed the Conference that it proposes to stand upon its own feet financially in 1949. The Rev. R. G. Heddon, minister, and church are to be congratulated on this forward step in self-support.

Paso Robles Plymouth

The Rev. Lester C. Pritchett and church were generous hosts to the Kern Association meeting on October 14.

Shafter Union

The Rev. Gordon J. Baker, minister of Colonial Church, Los Angeles, for the past five years, began his work with the Shafter Church on December 1. With $16,000 in the bank toward a building project; and with a general desire to move forward in an aggressive church program, the future for the church and minister is most auspicious.

Wasco

The program of the church is going forward splendidly under the leadership of its new minister, the Rev. Elmer J. Windisch.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

Altadena Community

The expansion of the church program under the Rev. M. K. W.

Heicher has necessitated the request for a director of religious education.

Atascadero Community

At the time of the dedication of the new organ on September 26, this fine addition to the church equipment was paid for in full. . . . George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Religious Education, was the guest of the young people on Sunday, October 3.

Glendale, First

In the late fall, the Board of Deacons conducted a six weeks' Worship Crusade during which a special effort was made to contact all absentee members in the interest of rebuilding the church attendance habit. The Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, minister.

Laguna Beach, Neighborhood

The Rev. John R. Scotford of New York conferred with the appropriate committees of the church in October relative to its proposed church building program. Plans are being matured for the construction of the first unit which will cost $100,000. The Rev. Philip E. Gregory, minister.

Bay Shore, Long Beach

Long Beach, Bay Shore

As an indication of the rate of growth of this church, in October eighty-three new scholars were enrolled in the church school. Over seventy junior high school young people worship in their lovely new youth chapel on Sunday mornings. There is a constant need to expand the teaching staff. The Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson is the minister.

Long Beach, First

The women of the church were host to Dr. Sidney Berry of England on November 18; and the men of the church were host to the Rev. Alfred D. Heininger of China on December 7.

L. A., Berean

The Rev. Reynold Weinbrenner, theological student at U.S.C., was called November 7 as the minister of Berean Church.

L. A., Chinese

The church was host on October 10, at a united worship service, to Chinese from Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Los Angeles. Three hundred attended. Among the speakers was the Honorable Dr. Kaing, Counsel General in Los Angeles. The Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, minister.

L. A., Colonial

Following the closing session of the six-week School of Religion on Sunday evening, October 24, a very fine original play, "Where the Cross Was Made," was presented by the men of the church, William Cartledge, director. . . . A formal reception was tendered the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon J. Baker and family on Friday evening, November 19. They were presented with a gift as an expression of the best wishes of the Colonial people as they go to their new parish at Shafter.

Avalon

A reception was given on November 17 by the church for the Rev. and Mrs. G. Raymond Booth. Associate Supt. Glenn A. Rowles was present to bring greetings from the Conference.

L. A., First

Dr. Sidney M. Berry of England, Secretary of the International Council, spoke before the Sunday Evening Club on November 14 and at an area Congregational dinner on November 16. The Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., minister.

L. A., Hollywood

Dr. Sidney M. Berry of England preached at both services on Sunday morning, November 7, and was the guest of the Rev. James H. Lash at his cottage at Manhattan Beach overnight, November 15. An informal group of ministers enjoyed a fine fellowship with him.

La., Immanuel Church of Graham

Mrs. Alfred D. Heininger of China was the guest speaker at an evening service on November 21. The Rev. George F. Orloff, minister.

L. A., Union, Japanese

A special dedicatory service was held at Union Church at 2:00 o'clock on October 24. Those participating were representatives of the Congregational Fellowship and the Presbytery of Los Angeles. These two bodies sponsor Union Church. Following the moving of Pilgrim House to its new quarters, the church has rehabilitated and redecorated the church. The Rev. Sohei Kowta and the Rev. Haruo Ishimaru and their people are to be congratulated upon the remodeled church plant.

L. A., Mount Hollywood

In October a new exterior paint job for the church and parsonage was completed and a loud speaker system was donated by several of the members. The church was host to the Women's Fellowship of the Los Angeles Association. The Rev. Tamamoto of Hiroshima, who was miracuously saved although his church was destroyed by the atom bomb, was the guest speaker. An altar cross is being made from wood from Hiroshima. Seventy-three regular gift packages of food and clothing were sent overseas in October. The Rev. Allan A. Hunter, minister.

L. A., Pilgrim

At a ground-breaking ceremony on October 24 the church began the construction of a recreational unit consisting of a large court for volleyball and basketball and a small patio with fireplace and barbecue, all enclosed with a brick wall. This unit, with other equipment, cost $3500.00 and will add to the effectiveness of the youth program of the church which now serves 150 each week. The Rev. C. Fred Hutslar, minister.

L. A., Westwood Hills

The church, at a meeting on October 10, following the morning service adopted the following goals to be achieved by the close of the two-year Christian World Mission: (1) An increase of 300 members; (2) Double the attendance at the church services; and (3) Double the giving strength. These goals were unanimously adopted by both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. congregations. The Rev. S. Mark Hogue, minister.

Bethany, Norwalk

Norwalk, Bethany

The church was host to two special speakers in December; Supt. Nelson C. Dreier, who brought a message from Europe, and the Rev. Alfred D.

Heininger, a returned missionary from China. The Rev. Wesley W. Purkiss, minister.

Pacoima Community

The Rev. LaFayette L. Steadman, pastor of the church for the past two years, tendered his resignation in November.

Pasadena, First

The annual meeting of the church was held on Wednesday, November 17, with the Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., as the guest speaker. The Rev. Raymond A. Waser, minister.

Pilgrim, Pomona

Pomona, Pilgrim

The total budget for the church as planned for 1949 is $35,300.00. Of this amount $5,000 has been allocated to benevolences and the wider work of the church. This represents an increase of $1400.00 over a like amount appropriated for 1948 and indicates the church's desire to assume its share of Our Christian World Mission for 1949. The Rev. Victor M. Rhein, minister.

San Dimas Community

Seven new members were received into the church on November 7. This makes a total of fifty-three who have been received into the church during the pastorate of the Rev. Francis C. Ellis. . . . The annual meeting of the church, which was held November 7, presented the year's reports in a most unique way. The Rev. George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Religious Education, who was present, reports it was the finest annual church meeting he ever attended, both in point of interesting information presented and the spirit manifested by the entire fellowship. Much credit goes to the minister, who made 1125 pastoral calls during his first year, and to all the church people who have been so cooperative.

San Marino

The first service of the newest of our churches was held on October 31 with 256 present and others turned away. As a result of the visitation program directed by Ira Black of New York, ninety-four had indicated their desire to unite with the church by November 21. A fine choir has been organized, the Sunday school is now operating, and the response of the people in the community toward the Rev. and Mrs. Bertrand R. Crist and the church is most auspicious.

Santa Ana, First

A project to paint the exterior of the church at a cost of $1,798.00 is now under way. Other repairs are also contemplated. The Rev. Fred W. Niedringhaus is the minister.

South Pasadena, Oneonta

The Rev. Bertrand R. Crist, minister of the San Marino Church, was the guest speaker at a Father and Son Banquet on November 9. . . . The Rev. and Mrs. Henry David Gray were hosts to Dr. Sidney M. Berry of England while he was in the Conference.

L. A., Eagle Rock United

A very successful "Know Your Church" planning conference was held on the afternoon and evening of September 25. The leaders of all organizations, following the inspirational addresses, planned their work for the new year.

L. A., Woodland Hills

Under the leadership of the new minister, the Rev. Melvin H. Harter, vigorous plans are being made looking toward a building fund campaign. Other aspects of the church program are exhibiting increasing interest and support. . . . A recognition service for the minister was held on November 22, and ground-breaking ceremonies for the first unit of a new plant were held on December 5. The church needs chairs, carpeting, choir robes, black boards, etc., at the present time. Our Westwood Hills Church gave an altar table and pulpit.

NEW MEXICO-EL PASO ASSOCIATION

Albuquerque, First

The religious education unit constructed this past summer, although not entirely completed, is fulfilling a real need. The building is 23' x 38' and was largely constructed by volunteer labor at a cost of $2,000.00. If it were built by contractors, it would have cost six to eight thousand dollars. The Rev. Clarence E. Parr and the laymen of the church have done a large portion of the work.

Santa Rita Community

The Rev. Harold E. Johnson, of Santa Rita, and the Rev. Edwin Cunningham, of Hurley, and their respective churches were host to the New Mexico-El Paso Association on October 19 and 20. Sessions were held in both churches with Miss Helen Kenyon, National Moderator, as one of the speakers.

El Paso Valley, Community

The Valley Church broke ground for its new church building on Sunday, October 31, immediately following the morning service. The new church is to be of Spanish design and when completed will seat 225. . . . The minister of the church, the Rev. Winthrop M. Mager, was elected Moderator of the New Mexico-El Paso Association for the current year. Mrs. F. W. Greuling was elected President of the Fellowship of Congregational Women of the Association at the same meeting.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION

Bloomington

Following a reconsideration of the proposed merger, the church reversed its previous decision and voted to approve the merger. The Rev. John S. Buus, minister.

Calimesa Community

The Rev. Dwight H. Ball is being assisted by the Rev. H. W. Merrill of Redlands who serves as a parish caller.

Corona, First

The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Hogan are extended the sympathy of our entire Fellowship on the death of their son, Gordon, a brilliant student at Pomona College, who passed away in October following an attack of pneumonia.

First, Perris

Perris, First

The church was host to the San Bernardino Association on October 11, with twenty churches represented. . . . George D. Jenkins, Conference Minister of Christian Education, preached on Sunday morning, November 14, and met with church school teachers in a counsel session. Supt. Nelson C. Dreier was guest preacher on November 28. The Rev. Carl E. Magnuson, minister.

Redlands, First

On November 15 a Service of Recognition was held for the Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, associate minister. Mr. Otto Knudsen, Moderator of the San Bernardino Association, presided. Ministers participating were the Rev. Oscar Sedam, Redlands Council of Churches; the Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Claremont; the Rev. Carl E. Magnuson; the Rev. Chester Ferris; the Rev. Paul W. Yinger, the Rev. Glenn A. Rowles; and the host minister, the Rev. William D. Pratt. Mr. Waddell preached the sermon, "The Double Quest."

San Bernardino, First

The Rev. Arnold Allan Brown, Durham, New Hampshire, preached on Sunday morning, November 14, and was extended a unanimous call to become minister of the church.

Hemet Pilgrim

Since the Rev. Floyd S. Bailey came to Hemet as its minister, advance has been made in various aspects of the church program. Improvements to the church plant have been made with many of the men giving volunteer labor.

Ontario, Bethel

The church has installed a new, multiple-unit type, automatic gas furnace for the heating and ventilating of the church building. The estimated cost is $5,500.00. . . . The Rev. John R. Scotford, Editor of *Advance*, was guest preacher on October 24. The Rev. Donald W. Head, minister.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION

San Diego, First

The church is to be congratulated on completing its campaign successfully for $10,000 to underwrite an expanded program of service during the next two years. . . . Dr. John A. Reuling, Secretary for Africa under the American Board, was the guest speaker November 21 and spoke at an afternoon session to representatives of churches in the area. . . . Dr. Frank Laubach was the guest speaker on November 30. The Rev. Walter H. Stark, minister.

Kensington, San Diego

San Diego, Kensington Community

The men of the church were host to an area laymen's dinner on December 2 when Walter A. Graham, Director of the National Laymen's Fellowship, was the guest speaker. The Rev. Lester E. Bond, minister.

San Diego, Mission Hills

On Sunday, October 31, following the morning service, the Pilgrim Fellowship served dinner to 142 individuals. The proceeds are to go toward the young people's pledge to the Conference camp fund. The Rev. John C. Wiley, minister.

San Diego, Paradise Hills

In November the church was the recipient of a pulpit Bible donated by Dr. and Mrs. Ira J. Condit of Riverside. The Rev. Ray Anger, minister.

Vista Community

The wide missionary concern of the church is indicated by the fact that within one year $1,500 was collected for "Meals for Millions." Three cents provides one meal of Multi-Purpose Food. The Rev. Graeme C. Smith, minister.

. . . *from* MEXICO

CONSTANCE E. STANTON Writes About . . .

NEW PROTESTANT LEADERSHIP IN MEXICO

Our neighboring country has become a leader in the United Nations on the side of international understanding. The influence of Protestant Christianity has been far greater than would be expected, due to the leadership Mexican Protestantism has developed. Our representatives in Mexico are keeping up this leavening work.

Dear Church Members:

In other letters we have written you mostly about ourselves and our new home. This time we want to tell you about some of our colleagues and fellow workers.

COMMON PROBLEMS

It may be heartening to some of our pastor friends in the United States to know that our churches have their ups and downs just like yours.

Larry Stanton and Pastor Zambrano confer.

There are some old churches with their traditions and strong "pillars." Others are very young, struggling in rural communities to overcome the prejudices and hardships that go with a church that differs from the old established pattern of the past.

Some of our churches have their pews full every Sunday and have an enthusiastic program. Others are disillusioned and burdened with financial problems too hard to solve. Some are spiritually indifferent and others are too proud of their spiritual achievements.

At the head of each of our nine fully organized churches are pastors whose heroic lives challenge us. They work for a low salary under difficult circumstances. Besides those pastors there are a few outstanding leaders who will help to strengthen the work of our churches for the future.

PASTOR ZAMBRANO

The first of these is Pastor Zambrano. He has just completed twenty-five years of service in the pastorate of our Guadalajara Church. Now he

has been called to teach in the United Protestant Seminary in Mexico City. With his long years of successful pastoral work he is now ready to share his experience and knowledge with those young men who will carry on the work of the churches. He knows Spanish literature and Mexican history, and especially the history of Protestantism in Mexico.

His deep longing is to help build the Church Universal. He was a delegate to the Madras Conference in 1938 and is constantly fighting for Church Union in Mexico. There is, therefore, no better place for him in the years to come than in the Seminary where his spirit can touch Methodists, Disciples, Reformed Presbyterians and Congregational Christians alike. They must cooperate.

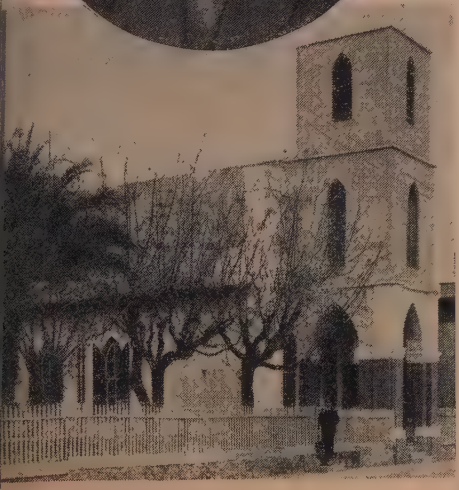
ARTURO VILLALOBOS

The second person is Arturo Villalobos. Many of our friends know Arturo. We consider it a real privilege to be close friends. Arturo is now studying again in Westminister Choir School in Princeton, New Jersey. He plans to get his degree in music and return to us to open a training school for young musicians in our mission field.

Besides having a talent for music, Arturo is completely devoted to making the music of the church a rich and vital part of its life. He has written a brief article for our youth paper, *Caminos,* where he tells of how much it seems like a dream to look back on the days when he organized a children's choir in Guadalajara. He confesses that he had little talent for doing this, and that the children's voices had no training, but it served to heighten the spiritual life of the church and to give him a greater desire to study.

Above, Elena Ortiz studied at Chicago Theological Seminary in the field of religious education. *Top, right,* Arturo Villalobos is at Westminister Choir School in Princeton for a degree in church music. *Right,* Pastor Apolinar Zambrano teaches in the United Theological Seminary. The development of such strong national leaders is the aim of our missionaries.

Right, Mr. Zambrano and Miss Margarite Wright, our distinguished Mexican missionary.



Since September we have had Elena Ortiz as one of our leaders. She grew up in the Guadalajara Church just as Arturo did. Her mother inspired in Elena some of her own devotion for the church. Two years ago, Elena made the decision to study religious education in Chicago Theological Seminary and to prepare herself for work with the children and young people of our whole field. She has returned full of enthusiasm and devotion.

This fall and winter Elena visited the churches and the small congregations which have only lay pastors. It is in these latter places that she feels her help is needed most. So she will be dedicating her time this year to training young people in the larger churches to go into the rural congregations to bring them Vacation Bible Schools.

NATIONAL LEADERS IMPERATIVE

To train Mexican leaders like these, to strengthen them and to give them hope — that is the job which we are privileged to do as American Christians. The funds that you can raise through *Our Christian World Mission* will serve this work well.

Mornings, at our family devotions on the front porch facing the ocean, we think how lovely it is to have constantly with us the feeling of partnership with you in the States. The ever-changing, constant motion of the tides reminds us of the eternal bases of life, and renews daily our desire to fit our lives into the Divine Plan.

Your friend,
CONSTANCE E. STANTON

Mrs. Stanton was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary to Mexico in 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton are both well known to the members of our Pilgrim Fellowship.

Illustrations in this article by courtesy of the American Board for Foreign Missions.

Left, Mexico needs strong Protestant churches. Here is our church at Hermosillo, Mexico.

INDIA STANDS TODAY

Writes EMMONS E. WHITE

AT A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY

On the heart-shaped continent of India, we have watched with bated breath the birth of two nations: India and Pakistan. It is a turning point in history — and our Christian mission has been on hand as an encouragement and stimulant to individual and social advance. Christianity must continue to play its significant role in India's life.

Dear Friends in the Churches in America:

There is no land to be compared with India as a ground for mature Christian development in our day. And there is no land where, devoid of Christian influence, a calamity on a vaster scale is so inescapable. Therefore, I am writing to you in regard to some aspects of the Christian movement in India, and in regard to *Our Christian World Mission* which you and we face together for this coming year. This takes me into several phases of the situation as we see it out here.

THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

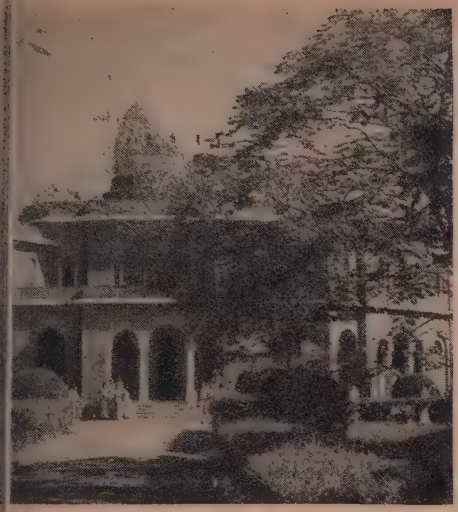
Last summer, the Lambeth Conference officially recognized the fact that there is a "Church of South India." I think that the existence of this church is the biggest and most cheering fact which I can write to you about. May I share with you an account of its progress and problems?

If anyone doubts whether Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregational Christians can worship together at the Lord's Table, he should have been present when the Synod met recently at the American College, Madura. Union on the mission field is imperative. Whatever may be the condition elsewhere, there is no time for delay here.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN PERSONNEL

We are fortunate in having Lesslie Newbigin as the Bishop of our Madura Ramnad Diocese. Under his able, energetic and devoted leadership things are beginning to move. We hope that by March the process of organizing all missions hospitals and higher educational institutions under the diocese will have been completed.

Adequate and competent Christian personnel is probably the greatest need of the Indian churches today. If you can imagine an average of one



Above, the chapel of the American College in Madura. Below, nine new bishops of the Church of South India, one of "the biggest and most thrilling facts" in India today.

minister to every 1,500 to 1,700 communicants, you will just about grasp the situation in India. But the ministry in this diocese is now being strengthened. Here at Aruppukottai, the center of one of seven pastorates under my supervision, a young college-trained minister and his wife have recently taken charge. Since their coming a local faction-ridden congregation has already become united, and church services have greatly improved in number and quality.

At least one volunteer group of teachers and non-professional people goes each week to selected villages to do intensive work among the non-Christians. The Hindus welcome these visitations gladly, and in some cases invite members of the group into their homes. One proof that they are bearing fruit is that several Hindu parents from a simple village have sent their children to study as

Mr. and Mrs. White of Madura Mission, India.

boarders in the boarding school, paying the full cost themselves.

FAMINE RELIEF

We are all keenly interested in the rural improvement program which is greatly needed. Last year, for example, the crops failed discouragingly through lack of rain. Because there was no work in the fields, many of the villagers emigrated in search of jobs and food. Thanks to American churches, through your Postwar Emergency Program, we are now distributing about 200 bags of American wheat in three parishes lying within the famine area. The pastors are in charge of distribution. One recently appointed pastor distributed sixty-seven bags to 2,880 persons of all faiths in his parish, each adult receiving about two quarts and each child one quart of the precious cereal. There are more than 2,000 Christians under his care, most of whom live in utmost poverty. Yet they have contributed more than eighty rupees out of their own small earnings as a thank-offering for this timely help. This pastor has only five lay-workers to assist him, yet he faces his problems in a spirit which makes me want to lend him a hand.

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In former days the Aruppukottai Boarding School was the banner school of the Madura Mission. But because of the world war and for other reasons, besides, the school had lately gone down very far in scholastic standing. In June of this year, a new headmaster and his teacher-wife arrived on the scene, bringing new vision, much enthusiasm and greater thoroughness into the school's life, so that a revived spirit and a strengthened hope have been reborn.

With the rupee buying only about two quarts of rice, or of any other

Below, Kindergarten Class of Vadala Mission.

grain (in comparison with twelve quarts nine years ago), it has become increasingly expensive to run the school. We are grateful indeed to you American Christians who have sent us bags of wheat, the delightful fragrance of which meets me whenever I go near the storeroom.

REAL HEADACHES

The administration of our twenty-six village day schools, and the paying of some sixty-six teachers' salaries every month, are perhaps my greatest headaches. The government's educational department takes care of most of this salary budget, but it does so with many months' delay, with the result that we keep running periodically into debt. When this happens we must either borrow funds or hold up salaries until the department gets around to sending us a check. This is because we have no ready cash balance.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Thomas of Madura.

It has been very difficult to carry on without a car. It is wasteful of time and energy to sit for hours waiting for buses, and then to reach our destination worn out from the discomfort of the tedious journey. But, thanks to a substantial grant from the American Board for Foreign Missions, and to gifts from our Congregational Christian churches in America, we are to have a new Chevrolet. We will be able to accomplish much more hereafter in touring among the schools and churches.

It helps us more than we can say to know of your sustaining prayers and interest. May this letter bring to you all of our best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
EMMONS E. WHITE

Mr. White was appointed a Congregational Christian missionary to India in 1916.
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In GREECE OUR TASK IS

Writes HAROLD C. HARLOW, JR.

To strengthen the Christian forces

Greece, with all its glorious tradition, is one of the large question marks of our time. We have built up an educational and relief work in Greece to help strengthen the Christian forces indigenous to the people and the land. As the present center of political hurricanes, Greece needs all the help we can offer as a Christian influence.

Dear Fellow Christians:

You may have wondered at times why it is necessary to carry on our Congregational Christian program in Greece — in addition to the United States aid (AMAG and ERP) for bolstering up the national economy. But the fact that governmental assistance is being given is the very reason why our church missionary and relief program is needed in Greece today!

PERSONAL SERVICE

Our job, as representatives of the Congregational Christian churches, is to meet the personal — both physical and spiritual — need which lies outside the scope of government aid.

For example, we meet, talk with, and offer practical help to families living in basements with half an inch of water flooding the floor. We pay the costs of an emergency appendix operation for the little daughter of a widow who lost her husband at the battle front. We distribute clothing to children and old people — clothing which has been made or donated by members of a Congregational Christian church such as yours.

And it is this intimate personal tie with America and with the members of our churches in the United States which is helping to give courage and hope to the people of this stricken country, as a promise of fuller rehabilitation in the better days to come, toward which we are slowly moving forward.

Above, rear view of Bristol Hall of Pierce College. "Now, more than ever before, Greece needs the help of these established American institutions which are doing such fine work."

Although our United States government is spending large sums to help rehabilitate many war-ruined areas, those benefits are not an adequate alternative to the service of voluntary agencies such as our Congregational Christian churches have set up.

Governor Griswold of the American Mission for Aid to Greece said recently in a public address:

"Let me state very clearly that there is no substitute for the work of the private American educational and philanthropic agencies in Greece. The American Mission's program (U.S. Government) was designed primarily to meet only emergency security and reconstruction requirements.

"Now, more than ever before, Greece needs the help of these established American institutions which are doing such fine work. Their programs are of fundamental importance and are contributing in large measure, materially and morally, to the volume of American aid. They have earned the continuing support of the American people."

Below, the Administration Building of Pierce College reflects the quiet strength of the work which this college is doing in Greece.

THE SPIRITUALLY STRANDED

We have already supplied much material aid, but we still have a continuing commitment. We have a promise to keep, which is not to leave these people of Greece spiritually stranded in their daily battle for freedom and a decent way of life.

As you know, Mrs. Harlow and I not only do relief work, but are also commissioned missionaries of the American Board for Foreign Mis-

sions of our Congregational Christian churches.

This means that among our many other activities we teach on the faculty of Pierce College. I teach social welfare work: training the young Greek women for the kind of service which is so direly needed in this country.

I use our Congregational Christian Service Committee relief projects for case field work, in which my students may gain practical experience. The College has been here for many years and has stood as a living example of Christian principles in action. It offers a complete high school and college curriculum, but I think the situation is best described by the statement of one of this year's applicants who could not get in because there was a lack of facilities:

"But Mr. Harlow," she said, "can't you speak to someone? I've got to go to Pierce. Wherever I go, the Pierce College students and graduates have a sort of fellowship and spirit, and this American school is our last hope for the future." All this in one breath!

CRITICAL MOMENTS

So now, are you still wondering why I am writing to you about all this?

Well, today we received word that our budgets had been cut to the bone. I can hardly look the woman in the eyes who sits in our clinic with her crying baby in her arms. I don't know how to face the town fathers of the bombed-out village of Elleniko, for we have been planning to place the clinic which we started under village sponsorship, and to use the money thus saved for beginning one of the last phases of rehabilitation: that of housing reconstruction.

I have yet to face the incoming freshman class which will receive only a two-year course instead of the expected four years.

Yes, this is urgent business. If it were not urgent I would not be writing to you with such a heavy heart. And for this reason alone I am breaking down my usual reserve in writing about financial matters, in order to let you know how much we hope that through *Our Christian World Mission* you will respond.

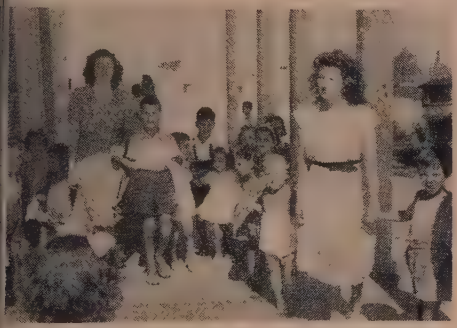
Above, a basketball game being played on the campus of Anatolia College at Thessaloniki, a school associated with our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Above, game period for a few of the refugee girls at Elleniko. "Our job," states author Harlow, "is to meet the physical and spiritual needs which lie outside government aid."

MORE LITERATURE ON MISSIONS

1. *Letter of the Month*, mimeographed, price twenty-five cents a year.
2. *Guide to Foochow*, pamphlet on Foochow Mission, ten cents.
3. *Foochow Looks to the Future*, pamphlet on Foochow Centennial, fifty cents.

Write, Armstrong Hunter,
14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.



Above, more refugee children whose activities are under direction of Pierce students. *Below*, rest period at the summer play session for the Elleniko refugee boys and girls.

Above, this smiling little nine-year-old is a Greek war orphan with firewood to heat the lean-to where she lives with four brothers.

At this critical moment in the entire Christian enterprise, and at this crucial point in the history of this country, may you heed well the claims of *Our Christian World Mission*, as you and your fellow members get around to preparing and subscribing to your church budget.

Insistently yours,
HAROLD C. HARLOW, JR.

Mr. Harlow was appointed by our American Board for Foreign Missions and our Congregational Christian Service Committee in 1947 for service in Greece.

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ESTHER LOWELL HIBBARD

Describes from JAPAN

Friendships which a bitter conflict could not sever

One of the most remarkable instances of restored friendship between peoples is seen in the almost incredible resumption of good relations between ourselves and the Japanese. Our pre-war missionary effort was responsible for laying foundations of friendship which the conflict could not remove. Needs in Japan today are urgent.

Dear Church Friends:

The October issue of *The Missionary Herald* set forth some of our most critical needs on the field.

Permit me in this letter, to deal briefly with five specific needs of our work here in Japan, the country which has been well described as freedom's new frontier.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

If you had only enough money for one round-trip fare, what would you do if you had to choose between two equally personable, intelligent and well-prepared young men, both of them holders of overseas scholarships for theological seminaries in the United States?

The answer may seem obvious. But if you realized as I do that "important as missionaries are in our total missionary enterprise, its ultimate success depends upon national Christian leaders — keen and consecrated young men and women of the area and the race in which the mission operates," then you will appreciate the difficult situation in which I found myself last month when I had to make the decision.

One candidate was planning to go to Yale Divinity School in New Haven; the other to Union Theological Seminary in New York. One was the son of a Congregational minister here in the city; the other, a lay preacher who had converted several of his fellow prisoners while he was in a camp in the Philippines. Who could judge which should take precedence—and yet there was only $1,000 available.

I need hardly call your attention to the importance of sending people abroad to study at this crucial period of transition, in order to give them a new orientation toward the situation which all of us must face. And we need not only ministers, but social workers, educational administrators, librarians, musicians, and experts in child psychology who have been trained abroad where they can receive the best equipment available for the task ahead in Japan. Now that we have an opportunity which we

Below, Eldridge Fowler Chapel of Doshisha University. *Right,* four well-known Christians of Japan, including Dr. Kagawa, reading (second from left).

hope will last, let's manufacture munitions of the mind and spirit against wars.

BUILDINGS MUST BE RESTORED

Decade after decade, our Congregational Christian churches, through our American Board for Foreign

Left, one of six Quonset Hut churches given by Church World Service to Japanese Christians. Pictured at left is interior during a service.

Right, exterior of the Quonset church following Sunday worship. Our gifts, through Emergency Services make Quonset Hut churches available.

"At present the average age of the permanent Congregational Christian missionaries in Japan is forty-seven years! We need youngsters in their twenties to bring us fresh energy and enthusiasm, and to begin preparing for full responsibility before we veterans shuffle off the scene."—Esther L. Hibbard

Missions, have created a long and unbroken chain of mission buildings throughout the world. With a few fell strokes much of that property was gutted and destroyed. The damage to our work here in Japan is appalling.

For example, during the war, mission buildings in Tokyo, Tottori, and Matsuyama were destroyed, and they must be replaced if missionaries are to be stationed there again, and the vitally important work in those areas revived. For us as a creative fellowship, committed to *Our Christian World Mission,* here is a glorious opportunity to be "the rebuilder of the broken walls, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

INCREASED OPERATIONAL COSTS

"In the face of strife, frustration, indifference and hunger on a world scale, the task of *Our Christian World Mission* is made increasingly difficult because of the rising costs accompanied by greater demands," stated the October issue of *The Missionary Herald.*

One illustration: The three of us in this household used to be able to get along on 2,000 yen per person per month; now we can't make ends meet on 5,000. The situation has become pressing — to put it mildly.

It is no longer a case of having to economize more and more strictly; it's a case of having to make out a whole new budget every time prices take a leap. After all, there's a minimum subsistence level below which even missionaries cease to function efficiently. Yes, as you in the United States know, and as *The Missionary Herald* has put it, "It does take more money than ever before to carry on."

TIME FOR RETOOLING

"Antiquated media and methods slow up the communication of the

good news. *Our Christian World Mission* makes provision for twentieth century instruments of communication and transportation for our twentieth-century mission enterprise," declares the October issue of *The Missionary Herald.*

ONE ANGLE

Although there are many angles to this problem, let me give you just one illustration of our need. Darley Downs has the distinction of being the first missionary Executive Secretary of the Council of Cooperation. In addition to many important duties, Mr. Downs has to welcome new-

Above, flanked by girls carrying bouquets, a Japanese Christian boy reads a formal "Thank You" to officials of Church World Service in Japan for shipments of relief goods. Church World Service is the interdenominational agency through which much of our Emergency Services is channeled. *Left,* children playing in the bombed Union Church of Kobe under memorial plaques to American missionaries. *Below,* war orphans of Japan being cared for by one of our large Christian missions.

comers at steamers, wrestle with their baggage, and conduct V.I.P.'s (Very Important Persons) on sightseeing tours, as well as perform many other functions of a Tourist Bureau. How can he possibly do it without a car? And yet it's expected of him. Let's put our missionaries on wheels and keep them rolling. Let's provide them with twentieth-century equipment for this twentieth-century mission enterprise.

NEW MISSIONARIES

"Buildings — church structures — do not make a mission. Missions are people! Missions are people of spiritual excellence and gentle friendliness who are sent by the churches at home to share the Christian gospel," states the October issue of *The Missionary Herald.* And we need new, young missionaries in Japan today, if the moral and spiritual ties between the Christian people of America and the people over here are to be strong and enduring.

At present the average age of the permanent Congregational Christian missionaries in Japan is forty-seven years! We need youngsters in their twenties to bring us fresh energy and enthusiasm, and to begin preparing for full responsibility before we veterans shuffle off the scene.

Now, perhaps you've been wondering what the American Board for Foreign Missions plans to do with the $1,848,733 which has been fixed as its share of the $6,280,000 of *Our Christian World Mission.* Well, I have given you some of the needs here in Japan. Won't you make every effort to get these facts before the members of your church?

Earnestly yours,

ESTHER L. HIBBARD

Dr. Hibbard has been a Congregational Christian missionary in Japan since 1929.

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Introducing R. NORRIS WILSON

Associate Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council

Albert D. Stauffacher

On September 29, 1948, the *Ad Interim* Committee of the Missions Council voted to invite the Reverend Mr. R. Norris Wilson to become Associate Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council. He has accepted the invitation and enters upon his new task January 1, 1949.

Mr. Wilson, minister of the Congregational Christian Church at Wakefield, Massachusetts, is a son of the middle west, born in Hinsdale, Ill., thirty-six years ago. He is a graduate of Olivet College and Chicago Theological Seminary, with graduate work at Yale Divinity School. In 1936, Mr. Wilson was in Summer Student Service in Washington and Oregon, and in 1937 he was a member of the historic Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences.

Mr. Wilson is now a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board for Foreign Missions, a trustee of Olivet College and of the American University at Beirut, Lebanon. This past summer he served on the staff of the Summer School for Pastors of our Board of Home Missions.

His pastorates at Pulaski, N. Y., Sterling, Ill., and Wakefield, Mass., have all been characterized by deep spiritual quality, effective organization, and sound successful promotion.

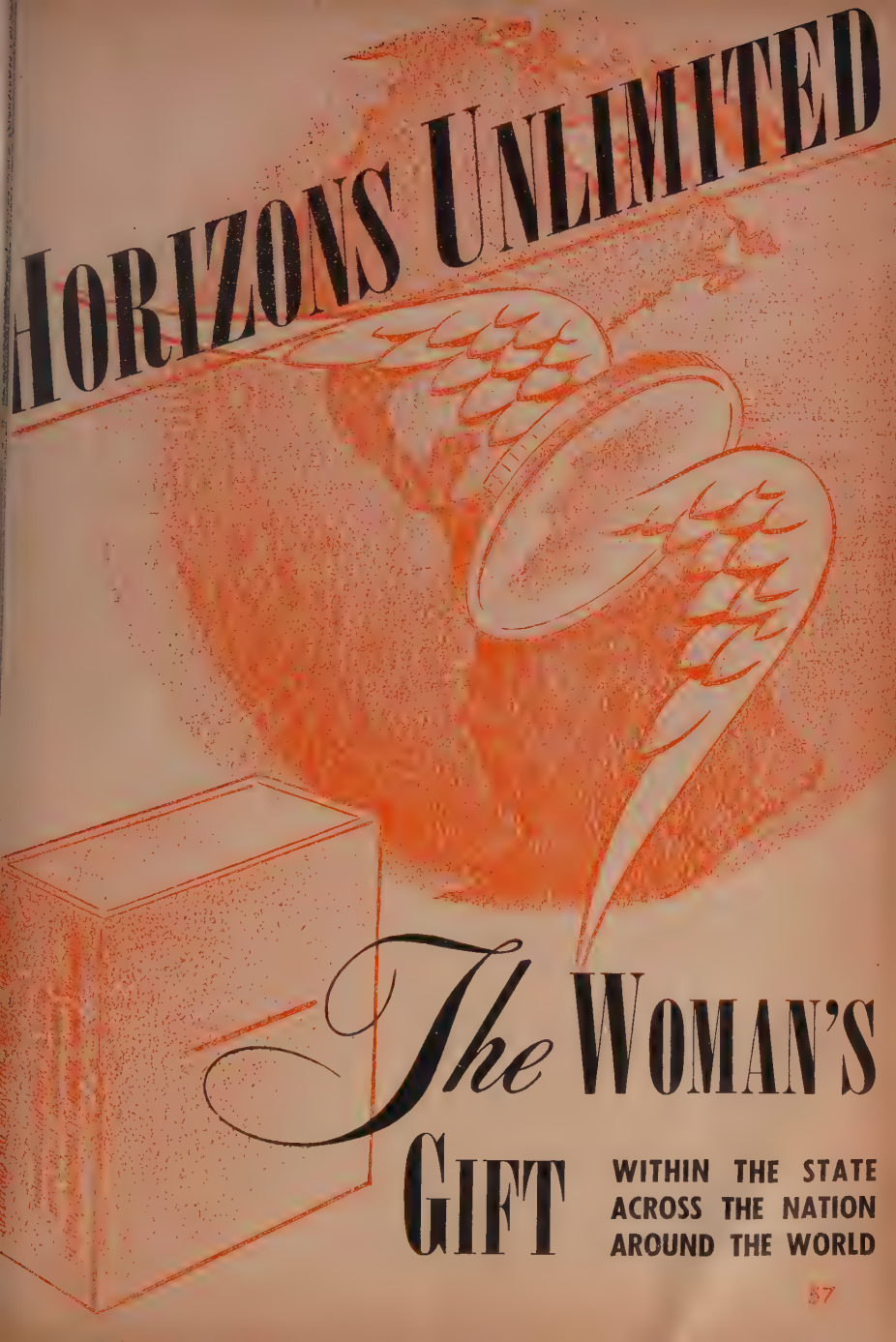
As Associate Minister and Executive Secretary, Mr. Wilson will share in the total administrative task of the Missions Council. In all assignments he will carry the same responsibility that is mine as Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council. I heartily welcome him as partner and associate in this work.

By vote of the Joint Cabinet he will carry major responsibility for the Relief and Reconstruction (Emergency Services) item in *Our Christian World Mission*. For this task he will be provided with able office assistance, the counsel of an Advisory Committee, and the cooperation of other Joint Staff members.

R. Norris Wilson

In the general administrative task Mr. Wilson will be available to assist State Conferences in planning a comprehensive program of promotion: integrating Conference staff leaders, committees on promotion, Pilgrim Fellowship leaders and religious education directors into a unified promotional team. He will cultivate wider and more effective use of visual aids, radio and television. He will direct the activities of the National Committee on Missionary Education, Stewardship and Promotion. Over all, he will be available to interpret *Our Christian World Mission* in pulpits, conferences, forums and wherever else he may be invited.

Mr. Wilson comes to this task well equipped in home training, education, experience, interest and concern. We are glad and proud to present him to our entire fellowship as Associate Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council.


HORIZONS UNLIMITED
The WOMAN'S
GIFT
WITHIN THE STATE
ACROSS THE NATION
AROUND THE WORLD

Horizons

Jesus looked to the farthest horizons, yet he discerned clearly that which was near. Following his line of vision, we too look out across our world and see the needs both far away and close at hand: the opportunities both distant and hard-by. So, let us first scan the nearer vistas to see what is called for here. Then, let us lift up our eyes to the farthest scene to learn what waits there for our coming.

We Look Inside Our Own States

Here are many rural churches and each one calls for leaders. Here are young people eager for the training which a summer conference will bring. Here are missionary ministers who lack tools for the performance of their tasks. Here are groups of women asking for guidance and for inspiration. Here are teachers who must first themselves be taught.

We Look Across The Nation

We find parents calling for help in making more sure the Christian foundations of their homes. We find pastors and lay-leaders seeking counsel in their effort to give the whole family its place within the church. We find communities looking to the churches for cooperation in creating wholesome conditions for youth.

We find citizens of today and of tomorrow earnestly striving to learn how they may best put their Christian convictions into practice in our national and international life. We hear them asking how their votes can make for justice and brotherhood and peace; how their voices, speaking their concern for human welfare in every land on earth, may be heard above the selfish cries of race and clan.

We find families in 5,000 new communities who desperately need the church. We discover that 205 of these — each representing at least 1,500 people — are our particular responsibility.

We Look Around The World

Listen — for in all lands the newly literate are calling for the Bible; calling for children's stories and for parents' helps; calling for magazines which arouse youthful imagination; for pamphlets on home and community life; calling for study books to interest the more advanced, and for pictures for those who find greater help through visual aids.

See the students — 23,000 of them — coming to America from other lands in hope of friendliness. How ardently they seek for knowledge of American ways. How greatly they need the fellowship of our churches, of our communities, and of our campus life.

Watch the women working in and through our Younger Churches in all our overseas fields, and realize how much they appreciate our understanding and help. How much they need more workers — more nurses and teachers, more missionaries! And how much is required, through more training, of the national Christians who wish to share the task; of all the Bible women, nurses, trained midwives, social workers and group leaders whose hearts have been touched by the love of Christ and who now aspire to be used in his service.

Wings

To reach our destination, whether near or far, we must have wings! For we are summoned to go quickly to every place of need. Dollars have wings when they are consecrated to Christ's task. Here is a great miracle! So — let us take wings and go . . .

Let Us Go To The States

Our winged gifts can provide a pastor to serve a larger parish. They can send young people to summer conferences. They can aid a minister in a mission church. They can finance a retreat for women leaders. Then can set up a workshop for the teachers of our children. Whatever seems most urgent, these needs our gifts may meet.

Let Us Go Across The Nation

Our gifts will carry the help of our FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION to leaders of parents' groups in church and community. They will bear great bundles of carefully written leaflets to use in hundreds of churches. They will bring suggestions for family festivals. They will defray the costs of an annual workshop where members of the Commission study basic concerns in family living.

Our wings will empower the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE which lives close to Congress and our State Department, and brings the impact of Christian thinking to national leaders. They will go back and forth between our Committee and the churches, showing us through the *Washington Seminars* and the *Washington Report* how our votes and our voices may more effectively work for peace.

The BUILDING SOCIETY will use our winged dollars in helping to construct well-equipped churches in new, unchurched communities. But it needs more wings! For it has funds for only a few of the 205 areas which are our responsibility.

Let Us Go Around The World

We will leave great bales of Christian literature where they are needed, where Frank Laubach and his co-workers have opened blind eyes. Our gifts will come to the support of Dorothy Blatter who provides illustrated character stories for children in Turkey. Our wings will carry us to publication centers in other fields; to China, India and Africa, the Philippines.

Our Woman's Gift will help the COMMITTEE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG FOREIGN STUDENTS in this country (students welcomed on arrival, helped with housing, transportation, money exchange; introduced to the campus, the church and the community). With winged money we will carry our friendship to these young people from other lands.

Our wings carry our gifts to the women in the YOUNGER CHURCHES; wings of healing for women doctors and nurses in mission hospitals; wings of knowledge for teachers in mission schools and Bible women in the tiny villages; wings of love and fellowship to women's groups in mission churches. Wherever a Christian woman — whether missionary or national — carries on the work of our American Board for Foreign Missions — there we share.

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n's Gift

The Story of the Woman's Gift

January, 1941

Evanston, Illinois. Thirty-five state presidents in annual session. A woman from the Board of Home Missions and one from the American Board for Foreign Missions standing before them to present the needs of the Boards: rising costs of living in all fields; families sent home because of threat of war; emergency needs in areas already devastated by war. Our giving to the church and its mission had remained almost at depression low though incomes were on the upgrade. What could church women do about it? Said the presidents, they will give — beyond their regular pledges — in an effort to increase the total.

September, 1941

By this time state boards had voted their cooperation; leaflets had been prepared; the Woman's Gift was launched. Throughout the year women gave. Some put their gifts into thank offering boxes or Sunshine envelopes. Some called it a Prayer Gift and prayed as they gave:

Enlarge our hearts with thy love,
strengthen our fellowship, uniting us
in spirit and purpose, that we may be
doorways through which thou thyself
mayest enter freely into thy world.

June, 1942

The General Council at Durham, New Hampshire. The Sunday afternoon session — nearly a thousand women. From the platform a woman's voice, "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God that which costeth me nothing." And from the assembly women from every state, bringing to the altar symbols of their gifts. $40,000. In the meantime in the January 1942 meeting of the state presidents they said, "We have given but we have also received. Our fellowship is strengthened; our concern for the world mission is increased. Let us continue the Gift and let us devote it now to work which could not otherwise be done or which greatly needs reinforcement. Within the state the work chosen by the state. Across the nation and around the world enterprises voted each biennium by ourselves after consultation with directors of our mission boards."

June, 1944

Grand Rapids, Michigan. Again the General Council. Seventeen hundred men

and women. In the chancel a woman's choir, two women chairmen. Around the altar forty-six candles. A woman's voice calling the roll of states while the president or her representative stood and an altar candle was lighted. Another voice: "$70,000 for this biennium." A prayer.

June, 1946

Grinnell, Iowa. The Sunday evening service of the General Council. A processional of state presidents following the Talladega Choir. Setting of candles and flowers. A taper lighted for each state as the roll was called. And a voice: "In this service we dedicate the Woman's Gift of $107,000 and all the gifts of the men and women of our churches. Small though they may be in the face of great opportunities and our own blessings, we consecrate them to the cause of Christ."

June, 1948

Oberlin, Ohio. The General Council. The Sunday evening service. A circle of light around Finney Chapel as state presidents or their alternates took their places each with a candle. The enterprises which had been begun by the "over and above" offerings of women had now been brought into the enlarged budgets under the Postwar Emergency Program. The offerings during the biennium totaled $145,000. A voice: "And seeing that it is Thy gracious will to make use even of such weak instruments in the fulfillment of thy mighty purpose for the world, let our lives be the channels through which some little portion of thy divine love and pity may reach the lives of thy children. Amen."

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